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LOCAL JOTTINGS.

[illegible] spare-ribs.

[illegible] to read Curtis & Ewing's [illegible] Notice.

SAVE money by purchasing fine carpets [illegible] housefurnishing goods at Abel & [illegible].

[illegible] hay, $12 and $13 per ton; baled [illegible] $16.

The benches have been removed from [illegible] these [illegible] days.

[illegible]

DAVID HAMSHER [illegible] one of the home [illegible] every day, because his [illegible].

If you want to buy [illegible] carpet [illegible] bottom prices call at Abel & [illegible].

[illegible] the holiday presents [illegible] before purchasing elsewhere.

[illegible] Christmas [illegible] at [illegible] M. E. Church for the Sunday [illegible].

[illegible] of Christmas [illegible] yesterday, and now the front of his [illegible] like a dense forest.

[illegible] hasn't been a conflagration in [illegible] a month of Sundays, and the [illegible] are getting rusty.

[illegible] to the two Christmas trees [illegible] tabernacle Dec. 24th, there will [illegible] supper and oysters in [illegible] at reasonable prices.

[illegible] will find it to their interest [illegible] with W. C. Armstrong, the live [illegible].

MRS. [illegible] C. ALLEN-GREGORY at the [illegible] on Tuesday night, Dec. 23, [illegible] of lecture, "What to Teach Our [illegible]." Admission, 25 cents.

DECATUR will send a large delegation [illegible] teachers to Bloomington to attend the [illegible] Teachers' Convention to be held [illegible] during the present month.

WE have the most extensive and elegant line of *[illegible]* of all kinds we have ever had. Call and look it over.

Dec. 16 d5tw1 CURTIS & EWING.

IN consequence of the continued advance in anthracite coal in the East, Decatur dealers are now asking $6.50 per ton.

JOSH BILLINGS. If you can't git fine news and [illegible] edicashun git the news at the [illegible] new store of L. L. [illegible]. 22 d&wtf

SATURDAY forenoon, near Raymond, on [illegible] St. Louis Branch of the Wabash [illegible], a [illegible] man, named L. G. Miller, [illegible] run over and killed by the cars. Frank [illegible] was the engineer.

THE front of J. R. Race & Co.'s new [illegible] on Water street is completed at [illegible] and the carpenters are now at work [illegible] the interior.

Go to Prescott's for Pianos or Organs, [illegible] and piano and organ covers. [illegible] d&w1

NEW YEARS will usher in a series of [illegible] meetings at the First Methodist [illegible]. Dr. Goodwin shook up the dry [illegible] pretty effectually last winter, and [illegible] proposes repeating the programme [illegible] 1880. Revivals at other churches [illegible] threatened.

THE violent rain and wind storm of [illegible] night last damaged the colored Methodist church so seriously that that congregation was compelled to worship in the hall of Progressive Lodge, I. O. G. T., on Sunday. Services were conducted by Rev. George Winston.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, the druggist, has an elegant line of toilet goods suitable for Christmas presents.

IF babies could talk, they would often express their thanks to their nurses for relieving them of pain and suffering, by using Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup.

GENTLEMEN, are you in need of a good suit of clothing? If so, you can save money by calling at Cheap Charley's.
Dec 13 d&wtf

AT last saucy little Danville is awakening to the necessities of the times. She is going to erect an immense tabernacle, similar to the one in use here, to be used on public occasions, and as headquarters for Batterry B. After writing about a half column about the need of such a building, the *News* says: "Many of our citizens have been in the tabernacle at Decatur, and know what a concourse of people it will accommodate. The people of Decatur can testify also to how many conventions and great days it has brought to this city, and that it has paid for itself many times told. It is well known when there is to be a great day at Decatur that there can be no failure; the tabernacle will shelter and seat the people rain or shine." True enough, friend; but remember the Decatur tabernacle is still in debt $3,000. But the amount can be paid at almost any time, as the trustees are men of means.

YESTERDAY we neglected to state that the birthday anniversary of Mr. George W. Hiser was celebrated in a fitting manner at his residence on North College st. on Monday night. A very deligatful evening was had and a bountiful supper was served. Among the friends present were Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Leforgee, Mrs. and Mrs. H. Clay DuPugh, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman, Maj. E. O. Smith, Mrs. Phil. Bury, Mrs. Aaron Misenhelter, and the Misses Minnie Sampson and Lou Meisenhelter.

THE funeral of the late Mrs. Mary J. Martin, who died in this city on Sunday, Dec. 14th, took place from the Christian Church this (Tuesday) afternoon at two o'clock, in the presence of a large assembly of mourning friends. An impressive sermon was delivered by the pastor, Rev. N. S. Haynes. Deceased was the wife of Mr. John M. Martin.

HAPPENING in at E. Houston's establishment in the Old Revere House building, this morning, our reporter saw a magnificent display of china and queensware goods, selected especially for the holiday trade, all of which will be sold at a very close margin to close out the stock at once. Also a beautiful line of new and second-hand furniture, and stoves of all styles and sizes. Give Houston a call if you would save money.

THE latest novelties in the jewelry line suitable for holiday gifts, just received at J. L. Kuleper's, all of which will be sold at the *very lowest* prices. To the repairing of watches, clocks and jewelry I give my personal attention, and therefore can guarantee satisfaction to all who may favor me with a call. No. 30 Merchant st.
17 d&w to 25

THE Illinois Central pay car passed through the city this forenoon northward. The employes of the road at this point were paid off in gold as near as possible. In connection with this item of news we will state that the pay car system on the Central has not been abandoned as was erroneously reported in these columns recently. Therefore Paymaster Comstock's occupation is not gone.

TUESDAY last a gap of only nineteen miles was left to connect the trayklayers on the east and west ends of the Indianapolis, Decatur & Springfield road. As the grading is all done the track will now be laid at the rate of a mile and a half a day.

DURING the year ending Sept. 1, 1879, the I., D. & S. R'y carried 48,250 passengers, 3,195 of whom purchased tickets of the agent at this point. The road also carried 78,928 tons of freight during the year. The early completion of the road to Indianapolis will largely augment its business.

THE special attention of our readers today is directed to the double column "ad" in another place which speaks of a really grand display of new and stylish holiday goods now on sale by the old reliable jeweler and silverware dealer, W. R. Abbott, at No. 9 East Main street. Give Abbott a call if you want the worth of your money and complete satisfaction.

THE like has never been seen in Decatur before! Such is the exclamation of all the ladies upon seeing the immense display of fine Holiday goods at J. M. Stookey & Co.'s. 17-d&wtf

IF there is anything you can imagine in the furniture line, whether you ever saw saw it or not, you can find it at
Dec. 17—d&w2w ASHBY & ANDRESS'.

ENDORSED by the people as a safe, reliable, harmless and cheap remedy. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

WANTED—At 37 North Church street, 500 cords of good wood, in exchange for goods. Also, grain and produce of all kinds taken. (10-d2w

THE executive committee of the Young Republicans of Illinois held a business meeting in the parlors of Priest's hotel this afternoon. There were but six members of the committee present.

DON'T forget to look in at Curtis & Ewing's holiday display before you make your selections. Dec16d5tw1

SIX beautiful square and upright pianos received at C. B. Prescott's City Music Store to-day.
17-d3w1

PRESCOTT, the Live Music Man, is making sales of Pianos and Organs daily for holiday presents. 17-d3 w1

From Tuesday's Daily.

Wooden Wedding Surprise Party.

Last evening was the joyful occasion of a complete surprise party on Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Montgomery, at their residence on the corner of N. Church and Cerro Gordo streets, in commemoration of the fifth anniversary of their marriage.—By previous arrangement most of the following friends, among others assembled at the residence of Mr. Archer and proceeded to the home of the young married couple: Mr and Mrs James Millikin, Mr and Mrs C C Burroughs, Mr and Mrs Orville B Gorin, Mr and Mrs Milton Johnson, Mr and Mrs G R Brett, Mr and Mrs Edwin Carter, Mr and Mrs J R Miller, Mr and Mrs R L Evans, Mr and Mrs W E Bingham, Mr and Mrs E W Wood, Mr and Mrs J E Montgomery, Mr and Mrs W F Ferguson, Mrs Will Archer, Mrs Walter Colladay, Misses Hattie Hardy, Ella Usrey, Alice Tyler, Mary Wise, Maggie and Ella Glore, Minnie and Lillie Montgomery; Messrs J H Miller, D A Maffit, J C Hostetler, Chas Musser, Otto E Curtis, Charles Montgomery; Mr and Mrs John Getty, Mr and Mrs George Downing, Grandma and Grandpa Glore, and many others. The evening was passed most delightfully, and between 10 and 11:30 o'clock a magnificent supper was served which nearly equalled in variety and elegance the one prepared for the "Golden Wedding" of Mr and Mrs Millburn Glore recently. At the fashionable hour of midnight the company departed for their respective homes, leaving behind the best wishes for many other wedding anniversaries of "Lex" and "Cece," and the following tokens of friendship: A large rattan clothes basket, Otto E Curtis; fine camp rocking chair, Jas Millikin; flower stand, Mrs R L Evans; camp rocking chair, C C Burroughs; willow work stand, Lillie Montgomery; lunch basket, Mr and Mrs O B Gorin; Ottoman, R L Evans; card receiver, Mr and Mrs E W Wood; complete washing set for little Jessie, Mrs J R Miller; sugar box, Mr and Mrs R Piper, cottage ink stand, Mrs Milton Johnson; clock shelf, Mrs Edwin Carter; hash bowl, Milton Johnson; beautiful crewel tidy, Mrs C T Condell; lacquer-ware fan box, Anna Brown, winter bouquet holder, C F Musser; camp rocking chair, C W Montgomery; child's bedstead, Little Guy Righter; ivory easel with picture, Mr. and Mrs. W. Collady, lacquer ware glove box, Miss Mary Johnson; beautiful picture easel, Mrs G R Brett; lemon squeezer, Hattie Hardy, jardineer, Mrs Will Ferguson; flower trellis, Mary Wise; flower stand, Mr and Mrs D A Maffit; elegant pair panel pictures, Mr and Mrs John R Getty; fancy box with note paper, Belle Bingham; slaw bowl, Ella Usrey; pair of easels with panel pictures, Ella and Maggie Glore; box of starch, Jake Miller; "Our Defenders," splendid gift, from John R Miller; fine wooden toothpick and parlor match case, Musser and Montgomery.

The P., L. & E. R. R.

The consolidation of the Pekin, Lincoln and Decatur and the Decatur, Mattoon and Southern railroad companies, which was agreed upon at Pekin, Dec. 8th, has been perfected, the articles of consolidation being filed Friday in the secretary of state's office. The consolidated company is called the Peoria, Decatur and Evansville railway company. Its capital stock is $5,000,000, of which it is agreed that $2,000,000 shall be issued at once for purposes of the consolidation, and the remainder by the directors as may be required in obtaining means with which to complete and extend the road from Pekin to Peoria, or from Mattoon to Evansville. The terms of consolidation also provide for issuing $1,287,000 first mortgaged bonds, secured on the line from Pekin to Mattoon, and $858,000 of income bonds secured on the net income of the line. The line of the new company extends from Peoria to Mattoon, and thence to Evansville, Ind., about 250 miles. The directors are C. R. Cummings, George L. Seney, John F. Martin, E. H. R. Lyman, John B. Cohrs, Eli Wiley, Edward Richards. The officers are: president, C. R. Cummings; vice-president, John B. Cohrs; secretary, B. G. Mitchell; treasurer, R. A. Bunker.

Grand Supper and Festival.

The ladies of the Harristown M. E. church will give a supper and festival at the church in Harristown on Christmas eve, (Wednesday), Dec. 24th. Oysters will be served in the best style, besides all the substantials of a well-ordered supper, ice cream, cake and confections will be in abundance. The proceeds to be applied to repairing the church. By order of the committee.

Christmas Tree at Blue Mound Chapel.

There will be a Christmas tree at Blue Mound Chapel on Christmas eve. There will be a present on it for every child and person belonging to the Sabbath school. Let all the children come.

DIARIES for 1880.—Large variety, embracing all grades from cheap to very fine, at J. M. Stookey & Co.'s.
Dec. 10—d&wtf

THE subject of Rev. H. O. Hoffman's lecture on Thursday evening at Stapp's Chapel, is, "The Warm Country Trinity—Diabolism, Communism and Ingersollism." Come and hear the richest treat of the season. Admittance, 10 cents. Doors open at 7 p. m.; lecture begins at 7:30. Tickets for sale at the door.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Pemmie Tate, one of the belles at Mattoon, has taken the vows of a nun.

F. Nientker, of Boody, gave us a call to-day and ordered the weekly sent to his address.

Henry Cretors is the artist who is painting the new scenery for the tabernacle stage.

Dick Piper's new photograph sign, executed by Turner, looms up like a circus streamer.

R. W. Crampton, state lecturer of the Illinois I. O. G. T. has gone to Leadville, Colorado, to freeze and talk temperance.

Col. N. A. White is proud of the depot skating rink. He points to it with pride, and intimates that he will give an invitation sliding party when the moon shines.

John B. McDonald, of the all day and night restaurant on the west side of the old square, has retired from the business and closed up the establishment. He does not retire with a fortune.

Samuel McRoberts gave us a business call last evening. He is about to remove to Kansas with his family, and has an "ad" in another column offering his stock of groceries and business place for sale at a bargain.

T. Trask Woodward, of Indianapolis, temperance lecturer and author of the dramas entitled the "Social Glass" and 'Condemned Sergeant,' a thrilling military drama, gave us a call yesterday. He stated that it is about settled that the "Social Glass," in five acts, by home talent, will be presented at the tabernacle as soon as the new scenery is finished.

Calvin Fissler, of Harrisburg, Penn. gave us a call this morning, and ordered the REPUBLICAN sent to his address for one year. He is a guest of his old friend Josiah Espy, and has been visiting in Platt county.

The pedestrian, Tom Russell, walked into the REPUBLICAN office early this morning, and ordered 500 bills, advertising a $150 walking match to come off at the town hall in South Macon, commencing at 11 a. m. Friday, 19th, and ending on the 20th at 11 a. m. It is a go-as-you-please contest, and Tom will walk against James Osborne, a Springfield pedestrian, who won second money in a 6 day walk at the capital city in September last.

Sam Boyd, of the H. & S J., was in the city Saturday as the guest of Mr. Theodore McEwen, of the Wabash. Mr. Boyd has been appointed General Passenger Agent of the Indianapolis, Decatur & Springfield, and his headquarters will be at Tuscola after January 1.—*Springfield Journal.*

W. H. Starr has received a very interesting letter from DeWitt Syford, who is now station and United States Express agent at Murray, Nebraska, 140 miles west of Lincoln, on an extension of the Burlington and Missouri railroad. He arrived in the town on the 23d of last October, and was the first man to build a fire or eat a meal in the place. As an evidence of its rapid growth DeWitt says there are now seven business houses in the town, and many dwelling houses. During the month of November Murray shipped 27 car loads of wheat, (for which the producer received $1.00 per bushel), and seven car loads of hogs to Chicago, the railroad rate being $77 per car. DeWitt writes that he is perfectly happy in his new position, and has a comfortable home, nicely furnished. He is anxious to get a Decatur paper, and the REPUBLICAN will visit him regularly in the future.

A Fact.

While it is well known that we sell *all* our goods on the smallest possible margins, we beg leave to say again that as the season is fast passing away, we are disposed to make additional concessions in prices, and offer our underwear, (both for ladies and men), hosiery, shawls, skirts and cloaks, and all other heavy woolen goods, at prices *never before named*. This is a fact, and those in want of anything in our line can easily satisfy themselves as to the truth and sincerity of our offer.

CHEAP STORE,
15-d&w1w Sign of the Big 18.

AN ELEGANT display of ladies' necklaces and sets, gents' watch chains, charms and lockets, scarf pins, rings, cameo, etc., in the latest styles; a fine line of solid and plated teaspoons, knives and forks; butter knives in solid silver and plated ware. Give me a call.

W. W. SCUDDER,
Corner opposite post office.
Dec 16-d&wtf

Attention, Country Trade.

We have in stock about 200 dozens heavy, fancy and dark striped misses' and children's hose, ranging in sizes from 4½ to 8, which we offer to country dealers at 87½c. per dozen.

SOL. MORITZ & Co.,
Cheap Store, sign of the big 18.
14—d&w1w

1,200 yards of dress goods in remnants, various lengths and all qualities, this season's goods, selling out at real bargains, at the Popular New York Store.
11-d&wtf

A COMPLETE line of the latest styles in Jewelry, Watches, Clocks, etc., at W. W. Scudder's, corner opposite post office.
16-d&wtf

CHILDREN'S games and blocks, in almost endless variety, at J. M. Stookey & Co.'s. 17-d&wtf

MACON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT.

December Term, 1879.

MONDAY, DEC 15.

Court convened at 8.30 a. m. pursuant to adjournment, Judge Smith presiding. The petit jurors for the third and fourth weeks of court were impannelled, when the following business was transacted:

CHANCERY DOCKET.

Hezekiah Coe et al vs Mary C Shirly et al; partition; report of sale approved.

John R Hershey and Mary Connolly, executors, &c, vs Fidelia E. Spangler et al; chancery; report of sale approved.

Mary E Page et al vs Emma J Brown; partition; report of sale approved.

Ellen C Roach, administratrix, vs R N Davies et al; foreclosure; report of sale approved.

David Kyle vs Michael Y Givler; foreclosure; report of sale approved.

A J Stoner vs Wm and Caroline M Young; foreclosure; report of sale approved.

James Geraghty vs John W Roscow et al; foreclosure: decree pro confesso, and referred to master.

John Rea vs Jacob Spangler; foreclosure; report of sale approved.

Aaron Bricker and Isaac Bricker vs Hiram Nash and Martin Forstmyer; injunction; proof of publication and decree pro confesso as against Forstmyer. Rule on Nash to answer by 17th inst.

Casper Burg vs Lucinda and Elizabeth Sowards; foreclosure; report of master approved.

Frank Ferris vs Elizabeth Spangler et al; chancery; proof of publication made and rule to answer by 18th inst.

Lydia A Toland vs Bessie Toland; dower; referred to master.

Maggie A Fluhr vs Elizabeth Cooper et al; chancery; motion to strike affidavit to bill from the files: cross motion to amend affidavit allowed.

Edward Hopper vs David Garver et al; foreclosure; referred to master.

COMMON LAW DOCKET.

In the case of Wm E Peabody, administrator of Barbara Johnson, deceased, vs the Wabash Railway Co, for $5,000 damages, tried last week, the jury returned a verdict for plaintiff for $1,500; motion by defendant for new trial.

Abraham Kershner vs Homer H Hoover; trespass on the case; motion by plaintiff for continuance; allowed.

Gepford, Jacobson & Co vs Henry Stickler, appellant; appeal; appeal dismissed for want of prosecution and procedendo awarded.

The Home Savings Bank, of St. Louis, Mo, vs James Buckingham; attachment; proof of publication set aside and alias writ awarded: continued.

Thomas Davis vs Wabash Railway Co.; trover; continued.

H H Black vs H C Johns and W C Johns; assumpsit; continued.

Edward Hopper vs David and Andrew M Garver; assumpsit; court assessed damages and rendered judgment for plaintiff in the sum of $2717.35.

James J Jones vs Zachariah Boughn; assumpsit; demurrers to special pleas both overruled.

Edward O Smith vs. John Cavanaugh et al; assumpsit; default entered against John Cavanaugh and James Sanders; damages assessed at $54.92; judgment.

TUESDAY, DEC. 16.

Court convened at 8:30 a. m.

CHANCERY DOCKET.

Frank Ferris vs. Elizabeth Spangler et al; chancery. Trial by court; decree.

COMMON LAW DOCKET.

President and Trustees of the Town of Maroa vs. Daniel W. Craig, appellant; appeal. Motion by plaintiff for a continuance overruled: trial by jury; verdict, guilty, and fine fixed at $5. Motion entered by defendant for a new trial.

Wm L Gilbert and Henry Gay, appellants, vs. David L. Allen; appeal. An action to recover the possession of property held by Allen. The plaintiffs are represented by Williams, Burr & Capen, of Bloomington, and the defendants by Lee & Walker, supported by Thornton, Eldridge & Hostetler.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17.

Court convened at 8:30 a. m.

CHANCERY DOCKET.

Aaron Bricker and Isaac Bricker vs Hiram Nash and Martin Forstmyer; injunction; decree pro confesso as to Hiram Nash and referred to master.

Cunningham Smith vs Ellen J Aikins et al; foreclosure; report of master approved.

Annis McKelvey vs George McKelvey; divorce; heard by court; decree.

Bertram Jamison vs Ida M Pratt; partition; report of master approved; decree, and J. W. Manley, Richard Ray and Samuel Lowe appointed commissioners.

Nancy Cloud et al vs Henry Cloud et al; partition; master's report approved, decree and dower.

COMMON LAW DOCKET.

In the appeal case of Gilbert and Gay vs D L Allen, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs, and defendant entered a motion for a new trial.

Martin P Murphey vs John H Rice et al; assumpsit; default entered against all defendants, and court assessed damages at $204.00; judgment.

B O McReynolds vs Susan, J E and Joseph W Harris; ejectment; trial by jury; verdict for the plaintiff.

Jesse L Fenton vs C F Williamson; assumpsit; trial by jury; verdict for plaintiff.

Elizabeth Batteiger vs Edward Harpstrite; assumpsit; continued.

John H Daniels vs the Wabash, St Louis and Pacific R R Company; assumpsit; continued at cost of plaintiff for want of declaration.

Leopold S Ensel vs Louis Farner and Anna Farner; assumpsit; demurrer to plea sustained and leave to amend.

"THE Peerless Baby Swing" is the greatest of recent inventions for the pleasure of children. It is truly "Mother's joy" and "Baby's pleasure." It is for sale by J. M. Stookey & Co.
17-d&wtf

USE Bromoline to cleanse the blood and stimulate the liver; and health will follow promptly and surely. Sold by Decatur druggists. [15-d&w1w

Complete Sets

Scarlet Underwear, for ladies and gentlemen. CHEAP STORE.
15-d&w1w

From Wednesday's Daily.

The Fair and Festival.

The grand dinner, supper, fair and festival, by the ladies of Janes Chapel and vicinity, took place at the tabernacle yesterday and last evening. The affair was under the general management of Mrs. Harry Baker, assisted by the following named persons, who did everything possible to make the affair a success, in which, we are gratified to state, they were eminently successful: Mrs. John W Haworth, Mrs A Wait, Mrs J M Stookey, Mrs A H Locke, Mrs J R Locke, Mrs W F Busher, Mrs Calvin Nicholls, Miss Lillie Dermitt, Mrs John T Sweet, Miss Oke Calvin, Mrs W B Penniwell, Mrs Doola Bishop, Mrs C Berger, Mrs J Baldwin, Mrs Annie Jacobs, Miss Mary Kaylor, Miss May Jacobs, Misses Hattie Wait, Emma Bailey, Mary Brett, Celia Shupp, Mary Williams, Inez Gosborn, Sarah Lyon, Jennie Penniwell Dollie Green, Jennie Kingsley, Lillie Carter, Ida Ward, Messrs. Henry Foster, W F Penniwell, Alfred Bailey, Rev J R Locke, Thomas Penniwell, A. Wait, A M Werner, Henry Yest, S H Keyes, A H Locke, F Wood, and many others. The supper, ice cream, fancy, candy, orange, flower, book, taffy and notion tables were very nicely arranged, and were liberally patronized. The attendance embraced many people from the various churches in the city, and many prominent officials and business men. The jam between 8 and 10 o'clock was great, and it was with difficulty that the company could indulge in promenading. During the evening the Decatur Band rendered enlivening music. The net proceeds are reported at $125.

Death of Mrs. David Sterrett.

For some weeks past Mrs. David Sterrett, of Taylorville, mother of B. I. Sterrett, Esq., of this city, has been alarmingly ill with heart disease, and her son and other relatives and many kind friends have been watching over her and rendering her every possible aid in her distress. Yesterday a telegram reached this city, stating that Mrs. Sterrett had died at three o'clock in the afternoon.—Deceased was in the 68th year of her age. Some months ago she removed from this city to Taylorville with her daughter, Miss Rebecca J. Sterrett. The announcement of her death will cause a deep pang of sorrow to very many of her Decatur friends who knew her in life.—The funeral will probably take place at Taylorville to-morrow.

Jacob Albert Elected Constable.

A special election for the office of constable was held in Long Creek township, this county, on Saturday, Dec. 1[illegible], to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Al. Cochrane. The vote resulted as follows:

Jacob Albert	39
Samuel Brewer	18
John Hughes	12
H. C. Goodpasture	18
John Herman	9

To Prevent and Cure Coughs and Colds,

A reliable remedy is necessary in every household. Parker's Ginger Tonic is just the medicine needed. It radically cures Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat, Bronchitis, and even Consumption, if used in time, by its powerful specific action on the Stomach, Kidneys, Skin, Liver and mucous surfaces of the Throat and Lungs. It accomplishes the cure in a wonderfully short time, and removes all pain and soreness from the lungs. It is also a most valuable stomachic remedy, effectually removing Dyspepsia, Headache, Liver Disorders, Costiveness, Nervousness, Low Spirits, Wakefulness, Heartburn, Cramps, Palpitation of the Heart, Sour Stomach, etc., and gives a cheering comfort and freedom from pain that surprises every one. Buy a 50 cent or $1.00 bottle and try it. Sold by all first-class druggists.

"Street Life in Europe."

The above is the subject of Hon. Wendell Phillips' lecture at the opera house on Saturday evening, Dec. 20th, under the auspices of St. John's (Episcopal) church. Mr. Phillips enjoys an enviable national reputation as an eloquent and powerful lecturer, and should be greeted by a crowded house. Scores of our citizens have in times past expressed a desire to hear this eminent lecturer, and now, that the opportunity is afforded them right at home, the hall will doubtless be packed. General admission, 50 cents; reserved seats at Curtis & Ewing's, 75 cts. Gallery, 35 cents.

MARRIED.

Tuesday, Dec 16th, 1879, by A. W. Palmer, J. P., MR. L. DOW MASON and MISS ALICE J. DAVIS, of Maroa, this county.

DIED.

This (Monday) forenoon, Dec. 15th, at 11:30 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. Edward Dentz, on East Main street, of consumption, FRANK KECKEISEN, in the 40th year of his age.

Deceased came here from Vandalia, in 1877, and opened a restaurant under the Delmonico, near Hardy & Bro.'s livery stable, where he remained for over a year. He then removed to a house on South Franklin street, where he kept boarders for a while. He leaves a wife and two children, and many friends to deplore his death.

DON'T fail to examine my stock before purchasing your Christmas presents.
W. W. SCUDDER,
16-d&wtf Cor. opposite post office.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 18, 1879.

THE retirement of Secretary McCrary, and the appointment of Hon. Alexander Ramsey, of Minnesota, as his successor, constitute the first change in the cabinet of President Hayes. It was said some time ago that the president ardently desired to go through his whole term without a change of cabinet officers, but the ice having been now broken there is no telling how many more changes may follow.

THE Springfield papers of to-day announce that the "state central committee of Young Republicans of Illinois" will hold a meeting at Priest's Hotel in this city, on the 17th inst. We had got the impression somehow that the "Young Republican" movement "died a bornin'," but it seems that it still lives, and proposes to get ready for 1880. May it never cease to fight the common enemy.

THE Leavenworth (Kan.) *Times* claims that a majority of the newspapers of that state prefer to support General Grant for next President, with Senator Blaine for the second place on the ticket. "Such a ticket," says the Leavenworth *Times*, "would sweep the country from Maine to California and give us a real old-fashioned Republican victory."

JAY GOULD has to travel eight days constantly to go over his lines of railroad, and it is very wearying to watch so much stock.

LIPPINCOTT, the Philadelphia publisher, says that Dickens' works still sell, but that a reaction in favor of Thackeray has set in.

CAPTAIN BASSETT, the Assistant Doorkeeper of the United States Senate, became a page in that chamber through the influence of Webs er in 1831.

THE Duke of Brunswick's will—which left his whole fortune to the city of Geneva, Switzerland—has just been declared null and void. That grateful town had already spent $1,400,000 of the fortune on a commemorative monument to the Duke.

THE snow-banks in Dakota and Northern Minnesota are from six to a dozen feet high, and at Fargo some of the houses are almost covered over. The storm raged continuously for nearly three days.

WASHINGTON dispatches state that Senator Edmunds has been offered, and has accepted, a position on the Supreme bench, vice Justice Hunt, about to retire. Mr. Edmunds will be a valuable addition to the Federal Judiciary. He is undoubtedly the ablest lawyer now in the Senate.

GEORGE W. SCROGGS, our consul to Hamburg, has returned home on a leave of absence. George was learning Platt Deutsch so fast that he was afraid he would totally forget his mother tongue, and so he has returned here to freshen up and re-scour his English.—*Peoria Journal.*

THE Rev. De Witt Talmage, in an interview published in the Indianapolis *Journal*, charges the Rev. Dr. Parker, of London, as a slanderer. Talmage says:

The story that I drank wine in England or anywhere else, is unfounded. It was started by the Rev. Dr. Parker, in the London *Fountain*. Some friend brought it to me and asked me to deny it. I said it was of no use. If you kill one lie, forty others will come to its funeral. I don't believe in denying slanders, as a rule, for they spring up like dragons teeth. Why, there is a factory right here in Brooklyn where they turn out lies about me of any kind as fast as a button factory can make buttons—lies round, square, and oblong, black, white, and yellow, single warps, and double and twisted, patent lever, reciprocal balance, never need winding up but once to run forever. What's the use of denying 'em? Yet I don't mind telling you the facts about this one, you have taken so much pains about it.

FIFTY years ago ex-Gov McArthur, of Ohio, died and left a property worth several millions. By his will, the estate was not to be divided until the youngest grandchild should reach the age of 21 years, and then it was to be divided equally among them all. But the grandchildren kept coming, and the elder children saw no chance of getting anything during their natural lives if they had to wait for others to be born and attain their majority. So they asked for a division of the property, which was accomplished after fifty years' delay and litigation, and now come some of the younger grandchildren and want a slice also. A dozen of the best lawyers in Ohio, including Stanley Matthews, are arguing the case before Judge Swayne, sitting as United States Supreme Judge, and the suit will go to the Supreme Court for a final decision, no matter what the decision of Swayne may be.

THE DECATUR POOL.

The way railroads evade the ordinary results of competition will be understood by reading the following from the *Globe Democrat* of to-day.

A meeting of General Freight Agents of the roads doing business at Decatur was held in Chicago on Wednesday, for the purpose of pooling the business from Decatur. There has been much competition for the business from this point, and in consequence the rates have been continually at bottom figures. Agreements were made on several occasions, but it was found that they did not have the desired effect, because in every instance they were violated. Finally the roads interested in this business came to the conclusion that nothing else but a pool would stop the trouble, and secure the maintenance of paying rates, and for this reason the meeting held yesterday was called. All the roads interested in this business were represented—there being present Horace Tucker, Illinois Central; J. M. Osborn, St. Louis, Wabash & Pacific; G. A. Sanderson, Indianapolis, Decatur & Springfield; J. G. Rupert, Champaign, Havana & Western; E. A. Shrader, Illinois Midland, and G. L. Bradbury, Peoria, Decatur & Evansville.

Mr. J. M. Orborn occupied the chair, and Mr. G. L. Bradabury acted as secretary.

After a short discussion, a resolution was passed that the business from Decatur to all competitive points be pooled hereafter. The arrangement is that each road represented at the meeting will get 16 per cent. of the business.

THE Vicksburg *Herald* says of the proposition to make Grant captain-general, that the "Southern soldiers have always had a genuine respect for the man who took Lee's sword, and then forced the extreme men in the North to respect the terms":

The Confederate soldiers have always had a sort of liking for Grant ever since the old soldier quietly said the paroles of the Southern soldiers must be respected, and that the matter of the paltry dollars does not enter their minds. If Lee was alive, he would doubtless say it is a disgraceful thing for Southern congressmen to do. If the politicians want to do something that will please the whole Union, they can do it by making Grant captain-general of the United States army for life, and giving him a salary equal to that of the president.

But the *Herald* thinks that the third term business comes to the South too much in the nature of a threat.

IN the present condition of the great railroad combination it looks as if the Wabash is to carry the main share of the great Pacific traffic. Jay Gould's new possession from Ogden, Utah, to Toledo, Ohio, will take this traffic by the shortest line, which is the old Wabash route. Chicago does not relish the idea of parting with its possession of the cream of this travel, which now takes the Rock Island road. Should it be secured by the Wabash, it will make that line truly the Great Western, which by the way, is the old name of the portion which passes through Danville and Decatur. If the fast Pacific train takes this route, Bloomington can take the fast train by a short ride to Lafayette, where they can now reach the quickest train to New York, or faster than upon any other road, unless the trains have changed very recently. Chicago complains that the East and West roads are taking its former business.—*Bloomington Pantagraph.*

EVERY one says, "What can we find as a suitable present for a gentleman?" Step into Curtis & Ewing's jewelry store and see They have the most complete line of *just such goods* you could hope to find in a day's travel.

Dec. 11—d&wtf

Opinion of Celebrated Dr. Wm. H. Stokes,

Phylcian, Mt Hope Retreat, Baltimore: "I have great pleasure in adding my testimony to the virtues of Colden's Liebig Liquid Extract of Beef and Tonic Invigorator as the very best preparation used for depression, weakness and indigestion, and therefore confidently recommend it to the medical profession."

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THEODORE A. GEHRMANN,

Nov 18—d&wtf No 10 Merchant st.

AGAIN, by way of a gentle reminder, permit us to say that we don't allow our selves to be undersold by any house in this corner of the creation. Our present offerings are well worthy inspection.

LAMBERT & Co.,

11d&wtf New York Store.

Homeopathic Remedies

And McCormack Bros.' Family Guide Chart, for sale at Dr. A. J. Stoner's drug store, Decatur, Ill. [Nov 7-d&wly

YOUNG GENTLEMEN, call and see the assortment of fine shoes at Barber & Baker's before you buy.

Nov. 26—d&wtf

OPERA GLASSES, in all styles, at W. W. Scudder's, jeweler, southeast corner of Prairie and Merchants—opposite post office. Dec8-d&wtf

MERINO underwear, and ladies' and misses' cashmere wool hose, greatly reduced to close out, at the

11d&wtf POPULAR N.Y. STORE.

DO YOU WANT GOOD CLOTHING?

If You Do, then go to Race's.

The new advertisement of J. R. Race & Co., in to-day's paper, affords us the opportunity to say a good word for that mammoth establishment. The stock now in store is absolutely unparalleled, for size and variety, while as to quality, Race's goods are always the best that can be had for the many. The approach of the holiday season, when everybody wants something new and pretty, reminds us that Race's have a very large and full assortment of neckwear and gents' furnishing goods—just the thing for holiday presents. Read the advertisement.

Kid Gloves.

A dry goods house in this city, which has had the usual trouble as to the quality of kid gloves sold by them, recently sent back to the New York wholesale house from which they were bought several pairs which had been returned by their customers as damaged. The New York house sent the following reply, which is published for the benefit of "whom it may concern:"

Your favor of the 10th at hand, as well as goods returned. We have complied with your request, and send you in exchange sizes 6¼, 6¾ and 7, in black four buttons, which will, we trust, be satisfactory. In relation to the damaged gloves returned, we have examined them all carefully, and while we exchange all of them, sending you five pairs in their stead, we return two pair of them, so that you may see it is not altogether the fault of the gloves. We think that four pair of those returned have been abused by your customers very badly, and have, of course, torn, but this should not condemn them. It is a fact beyond question that women abuse gloves shamefully; and while this is not your fault, it certainly is not ours, and is generally laid to the glove. We have been, and shall continue to be, very careful in selecting your goods, and trust those sent you to-day will prove entirely satisfactoty.

The Talking Machine.

The following is a list of the latest telephone instruments adjusted and now in working order:

60. C. P. Housum's residence.
70. H. W. Hill & Co.'s hog ring office.
4. Dr. R. L. Walston's residence.
23. C. H. Warfield's office, grain dealer.
72. V. H. Parke's agricultural implement and grain office.
27. George Priest & Co.'s flouring mill.

In all there are now 55 instruments in complete working order, and no more subscribers will be taken until further notice.

Election of Officers.

At the regular meeting of Decatur Lodge No. 687, Knights of Honor, held on Thursday night, Dec. 11, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

Past Dictator—C. C. Carter,
Dictator—O Z. Green.
Vice Dictator—James Freeman.
Ass't Dictator—T. S. Hoskins.
Reporter—H. A. Wood
Financial Reporter—N. L. Krone.
Treasurer—R. P. Lytle.
Chaplain—John Lytle.
Guide—John Irwin.
Guardian—M. Einstein.
Sentinel—Wm. Towling
Medical Examiners—R L Walston and Ira N. Barnes.
Trustees—Geo. S. Durfee, T. A. Gehrman and D. H. Heilman.
Representative to Grand Lodge—John A. Barnes; alternate, Felix B. Tait

The Lodge is in a flourishing condition and new members are being received at nearly every meeting.

Positive, Very.

In a bill in chancery, presented to Judge Smith in the circuit court one day this week appear the following remarkable sentences: "She is positively cer ain of her own certain personal knowledge that she has never seen" the justice of the peace, and that "she is positively certain that she did not sign the instrument purporting to be the mortgage, and of this fact she is positively certain, of her own certain personal knowledge," etc

A Strong Hint.

The following notice has been written on a half sheet of note paper, and is posted up under the clock in the gents' waiting room at the Union depot

This is a clock.
It is railroad time.
It is Chicago time.
It is set every day at 10 o'clock.
It is right.
Now keep your mouth shut.

Watches and Jewelry.

A LARGE invoice of watches, clocks and jewelry, just received. These goods are carefully selected from the best and latest styles. All goods warranted as represented or money refunded. Prices as low as the lowest for first-class goods

W. W. SCUDDER,

Opp. P. O., with J. T. Hubbard, druggist

Dec3 d&wtf

Horses Wanted.

Take notice of the days for buying Thursday, 18th, Friday, 19th, Saturday, 20th, and Monday, 22d, at 37 North Church street, Decatur, Ill. Good fat, well-matched carriage and draft teams, or prompt, well broken single drivers, weighing from 1,000 to 1,500 pounds each, from five to ten years old, for which fair prices will be paid in cash.

10-d6w2w E. B. PRATT.

For Sale Cheap.

A lot of iron bound barrels, double barrels, and large casks, for pickeling purposes. J. ULLRICH.

Dec. 12-d&w1w

A General Reduction.

Shawls in a variety of styles and qualities, all new patterns, and fresh goods, at cost and carriage. Cause, too large a stock of them. Come and see.

Dec. 12-d&w1w CHEAP STORE.

EVERYBODY look and satisfy themselves that they can get better bargains in boots and shoes at Barber & Baker's

Nov. 26—d&wtf

FAIR AND FESTIVAL.

CHRISTMAS TREES.

To The Temperance People of Macon County:

The temperance people of Decatur propose to have a Fair and Festival at the tabernacle, commencing on the 24th of December, and to continue several days; the proceeds to be used in paying the debt on the tabernacle.

The object is a good one, and it is hoped that all people interested in the advancement of so noble a cause as temperance; in the lifting up of the fallen and pointing out a better life and a more noble manhood, in removing from our midst the dens of infamy and vice which have grown and fattened on the hard earnings of the unfortunate, and filled our prisons, workhouses and paupers' homes; in helping to bring about that better day when drunkenness, crime and all attendant evils following the indiscriminate sale of intoxicating liquors, will respond to this call to the extent of their ability.

The farmers of Macon county are requested to assist in the way of provisions. Roasted pigs, turkeys and chickens, fresh eggs, butter and milk, cabbage, and in fact anything good to eat, will be thankfully received.

Those wishing to donate articles will please bring their contributions to the tabernacle on the 24th, 25th or 26th.

Committees have been appointed to canvass the city for articles of food, fancy work, etc., and it is hoped that all our good people will consider it a duty to assist in this cause as much as possible. All who can do so will please bring their contributions to the tabernacle.

There will be two large Christmas trees at the tabernacle on Christmas eve—one for the Cold Water Army, and the other for the general public. All who wish to make Christmas presents to their relatives or friends are requested to bring them in in time to have them placed on the trees before the night of the 24th.

The following named gentlemen are requested to solicit donations in their respective neighborhoods, and to do what they can to make this fair and festival a success:

Mt. Zion—S. Mahannah, Jas. Durning.
Wheatland—Wm. Deakins, Jos. Dawson
Macon—Rev. J. W. Cecil, Benj. Hight.
Long Creek—Milton Clark, James P. Nichols.
Oakley—Thos. W. Berry, Jas. Jackson.
Whitmore—Richard Kirby, Paul Noble.
Hickory—Sol. Williamson, Wm. Holman.
Maroa—John H. Crocker.
Warrensburg—Z. Boughn, Geo. Goodner.
Harristown—Rev. Mr. Goode.
Friends Creek—D K. Wilson.
Niantic—Thos. A. Pritchett.
Blue Mound—J. Y. Taylor, F A. Brown
Pleasant View—George Denery.

By order of BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Fair and Festival Soliciting Committees.

The following are the names of the soliciting committees for the temperance fair and festival to be held during the holidays.

First Ward—Mrs Moses Stafford, Mrs. David S. Shellabarger, Mrs. W. C. Pitner, Mrs. George Haworth, Mrs. James Holliday, Mrs. Dr. Sparks, Mrs I. J. Halsted and Josie Shea

Second Ward—Mrs David Reeme, Mrs. Joseph Ehrhart, Mrs. Benj. J. Dill, and Mrs. M. A. Melville.

Third Ward—Mrs. W. H. Addis, Mrs F. L. Wood, Mrs. Reed Spencer, Mrs. James Dermit and Mrs J. H. Brayton.

Fourth Ward—Mrs. Henry Stafford, Mrs. Etta Montgomery, Mrs. J. W. Weigand and Mrs. B. McGorray.

Fifth Ward—Mrs. Fred. M. Cox, Mrs. Wm. Gipson, Mrs. E. S. McCarty and Mrs. N. A. White.

A Beautiful Young Lady.

Whose wavy, brown hair had been burnished by the suns of eighteen summers, and whose cheeks had been lovingly kissed by the gentle breezes of May, until they blushed like twin red roses in the month of June, flung her shapely arms around her ardent lover, and with cheery lips, exclaimed: "Ducky, dear, do you really and truly love me." Tightening his clasp, he gently replied: "Yes, deary, better than mine own life do I love thee." "Then take me; I am yours, forever and ever." And then they commenced talking about love in a cottage, and all that, and the sensible young girl insisted that one of the first things they should do would be to go to ASHBY & ANDRESS', in opera block, and see the handsome display of holiday goods just received, consisting of beautiful camp chairs, rattan chairs, furniture, etc.—all *so* cheap; and she wouldn't let him go that night until he had promised that he would purchase one of those popular "Astral" parlor stoves, sold by the above named firm.

Nov. 20-wtf

BUY one of those celebrated and useful steam road engines of T. N. Leavitt, at Maroa. He is also western agent for Ohio threshing machines, which he will sell on easy terms. wtf

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Nov. 6—w3mo

100,000 Bushels of Corn Wanted by Linn & Scruggs, for which they will pay two cents a bushel more than the highest market price in merchandise, the corn to be delivered at D. S. Shellabarger & Co.'s mill. [Nov. 18—d&wtf

The Comfort Patent Corset—Bortree's Adjustable, Foy's Supporter, Moody's Abdominal, Glove Fitting, Hundred Bones, together with the best and cheapest French Corsets in the city, at

Jan. 23-d&wtf LINN & SCRUGGS'.

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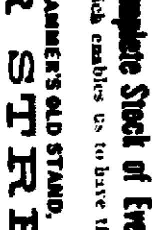

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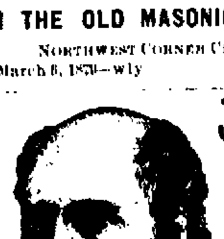

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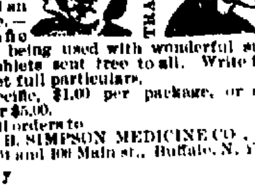

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Plans of said work are on file at J. C. Ruddook's & Co.'s store in Oreana, where the same may be seen, and where all bids must be deposited. The said commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated at Oreana this 27th day of November, A. D. 1879.

JAMES LICHTENBERGER,
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Nov. 27—w3w Drainage Commissioners.

County Physician and Steward Wanted.

THE committee appointed to secure the services of a physician for the paupers of Decatur township and the Macon county poor house, also the prisoners in the county jail, for fourteen months, commencing on January 1st, 1880, and a Steward for the poor farm for one year, commencing on the 1st day of March, 1880, will meet at the County Clerk's office in Decatur, on Friday, the 26th inst., at 1 o'clock p. m. Proposals will be received until twelve o'clock noon on that day. The committee reserve the right to reject any or all proposals.

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THE QUESTION OF 1880 SETTLED.

A writer in the Chicago *Times* has the following to say regarding the presidential question of next year:

"I believe that the question of 1880 is settled. The people are disgusted with the steady bull-dozing of the voter by Southern politicians, with the constant display of force there made at the polls, with the interference with courts, with the slight protection given to property, and all sorts of civil and personal rights. They are tired of ballot box stuffing; disgusted with the efforts of the Democratic party, exhibited at the last session of congres, to repeal the statutes looking to a protection from frauds and violence at the polls; they are in the position of generous, liberal men, who have given their confidence to their adversaries and found their confidence villainously abused, and determined that no opportunity of abusing that confidence shall ever again occur. The talk about centralization has no terrors for them. They want enough centralization to enable this government to enforce its own statutes. They are utterly disgusted with the pretense of the Democrats in congress that the nation, having passed laws to secure peace at the polls, was helpless when it came to enforce them, and that peace could not be preserved at the polls even in pursuance of those statues by the nation, but their enforcement must be turned over to the state wherein those statutes have been violated.

I think you will find surprising numbers of old-fashioned Democrats who have heretofore honestly believed that if the Southern people were liberally dealt with, they would behave themselves, who have voted the Democratic ticket for the last time. I look for the overwhelming success of the Republican party in 1880, not altogether from their being to-day as solidly united a party as they are, but from the sweeping accession to our ranks, of Democrats who have thus been deceived and bedeviled."

POLITICS FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Forney's Progress.

On the 7th of March, 1828, a curious spectacle was presented to President Adams by Mr. Bailey, of Massachusetts, who called, at the request of Daniel Webster, to ask from the President $5,000 or $10,000 "to secure the election of Gen. Metcalf as Governor of Kentucky," intimating that, if that election could be carried by Mr. Metcalf, it would go far to secure the re-election of President Adams in November following. Mr. Adams declined the demand; first, because it was wrong to pay money for such a purpose; second, he had not the amount unless he borrowed it; third, that, if he departed from the principle there would be no limit to such expenditures. "I could certainly appropriate," he said, "$250,000 to the same subject, without transcending any law, with as much propriety as I can devote $5,000 to the election in Kentucky." Mr. Bailey seemed surprised at this. He said: "Mr. Webster had told him that I had $50,000 or $60,000 lying dead in Boston." Then the President told Mr. Bailey that the expenses of his family and the education of his sons absorbed very nearly the whole of his presidential salary, and all his real estate was mortgaged for the payment of his debts; that the income of his private estate was less than $6,000 a year, and that he was paying $2,000 interest. Such was the pecuniary condition of the sixth President of the United States. To show how they managed things in those days, I may add that Mr. Adams stated: "This is a practice of all parties together, and its tendency is to render all elections venal!" and he dwells upon the coincidence of Mr. Webster's proposal that he should spend $5,000 to $10,000 upon the election of a Governor of Kentucky, with Mr. Clay's opinion that Mr. Webster, if he insists upon it, should be appointed to the Mission to Great Britain.

Farm Figures.

Streator Free Press.

John Mitchell, of Amity township, has gathered from sixty-five acres of land that has been under the plow for twenty-eight years, 65 bushels of corn per acre. Many will say that this is not more than a good average yield, yet it would give in the twenty-eight years 1,820 bushels per acre, which is $546 per acre, or $35,469 as the proceeds of the twenty-eight years' crop of the 65 acres. At a casual glance one would think that a close-fisted fellow could live pretty well upon the proceeds of a sixty-five acre farm in Illinois, even under Republican rule.

Grant in the Ball Room.

Louisville Special.

At half-past ten o'clock the doors of the dining-room, which had been converted into a ball room, magnificently and lavishly decorated with flags, tricolored shields and exotics, were opened, and the band began a march. The reception was ended by General Grant giving his arm to Mrs. Mayor Baxter. Governor Blackburn followed with Mrs. Grant on his arm. Mayor Baxter escorted Mrs. Fred Grant, and Col. Grant took charge of Mrs. General Murray. The quadrille was one of the simplest figures, and was danced to a medley of Fatinitza airs. General Grant danced very neatly, and kept his mind on the figures, evidently desirous of avoiding any mistake or blunder. Col. Fred. Grant was not so careful, and once or twice had to be guided by his partner or his wife.

STEALING MESSAGES.

Interesting Gossip in Regard to Such Thefts—The Women Thieves of Lincoln's Day.

Philadelphia Telegraph.

The advance publication of the president's message is a subject of no small interest here. In several instances portions of Lincoln's messages were published, and the matter was attempted to be investigated by the judiciary committee of the house. When it became known that the inquiry would be likely to lead to a good deal of scandal connected with the ladies of the White House, it came to a very abrupt termination by the president going to the Capitol himself and directing that the investigation be suspended.

The next instance was in the time of "Andy" Johnson, when, through the oblivious condition of his son Dick, a copy of the message was handed to a correspondent to read over and see what he thought of it. The correspondent took advantage of the opportunity and had stenographic copy made, returned the manuscript and pronounced it an excellent message. The next morning the president was considerably astonished when he found it in print.

President Grant's military methods were too much for the ingenuity of the Washington correspondents, and in no instance did the text of his messages appear before their submission to congress, except what he gave to one or two confidential friends or a correspondent. It was the custom of the General when he had completed his message, to take his private secretaries, Pruden, Sniffin and Luckey—into one of the most remote parts of the Executive Mansion, and there set them to work to make six manifold copies for the use of the press, which, when finished, were taken by the president, placed in an envelope and held until the committee of congress reported the two houses organized. He then submitted the manuscript copies for the use of the two houses, and upon the return of Private Secretaries Generals Porter or Babcock, he authorized the disposing of the six manifold copies.

While Mr. Boutwell was secretary of the treasury, on one occasion his annual report was made public in advance of its transmission to congress. An investigation showed conclusively that it had been given out by his private secretary. He was immediately dismissed and placed upon the black list, and subsequently died in this city in absolute poverty, as the punishment of breach of faith to his superior. The present Administration seems to have been very unfortunate with respect to the premature publication of the president's messages, each having been made public in advance of its transmission to congress.

Although as a rule all important features of the messages are anticipated, the eagerness to secure the text always makes it a marketable commodity. As high as $1,500 was offered for Grant's messages. The present message, however, was sold for $500, while Sherman's report brought $450, the proceeds being divided between three parties, the purloiner and two middlemen who effected the sale.

What the Solid South Will Break.

Knoxville (Tenn.) Chronicle (Rep.)

We confidently believe that the time is near when the Bourbon Democracy of the Solid South will fall to pieces. The substantial people of the South, those who are interested in the material welfare of the country, would rejoice now at the disruption of the Solid South Democracy. But the time has not yet come. There are not less than 10,000 men in each one of the Southern states who for years past have been trying to read their title clear to a Federal office under a Democratic Administration. They still live in hope, and their hopes centre on New York. Dispel this, and they would desert their party like rats leaving a sinking ship. They are the men who compose a majority of the active men in political conventions, state and county. They conduct political campaigns. The business men of the South have kept out of politics, and left these men to run the machine. But another Republican victory in 1880, and another census, under which last there will be a reapportionment of congressional representation, and a great change will take place. Democratic hopes will be no longer anchored in New York, and the Solid South will have become too small, comparatively speaking, to be useful as a medium through which to obtain a Federal office. Then, we trust and believe, there will be no longer any occasion or temptation to discuss sectional issues, and the good people of the South will become the ruling class. Then natural prosperity will come, and with it freedom of thought, freedom of speech and freedom of action. Then there will be no reason for the people of the North distrusting us; we will all spell Nation with a big N; and a Solid North will not be in any sense a necessity.

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BLAINE ON THE LEGAL TENDERS.

THE Boston *Journal* of yesterday published a letter from Augusta, Me., giving the result of an interview with Senator Blaine on the proposition to take away the legal tender quality of the greenback. Mr. Blaine says:

I should be compelled to vote against that proposition because I think it would work great injustice to the vast majority of the people of the whole country. The greenbacks are actually redeemed at only one point, the sub-treasury in New York City. Now, suppose a man way down here in Maine or out in Iowa or Texas, or Minnesota or Oregon, owes a debt of say $5,000, and his creditor demands the gold. There stands the debtor with his $5,000 of greenbacks, with the legal tender quality out of them, and the creditor refuses to take them. What can he do?

In response to the reporter's suggestion that all notes would be given payable in currency, and thus the business of the country adapt itself to the change, the Senator entered into a somewhat lengthy argument to show that, while negotiable paper might soon assume that form, to strike the debt-paying quality from $340,000,000 of paper money would create a tremendous revolution.

Strike the legal tender out, and with actual redemption only in the city of New York you impart to gold an intrinsic value which it does not possess to-day. You might, indeed, create such exaggerated notions of its possible value that you would have a panicky run after it, and in this scramble those who live nearest to the sub-treasury would have the best chance. If there is to be a race we ought all to have a fair chance to start even. I don't think it possible to get together enough greenbacks to drain all the gold from the sub-treasury, but the withdrawal of even twenty-five or thirty millions would produce a very bad effect, create a wide-spread scare, and embarrass business immensely throughout the country.

Mr. Blaine is opposed to opening the question of retiring greenbacks altogether, saying:

The country has just emerged from a prolonged and very severe financial depression, and is getting into good condition again as rapidly as we could possibly expect. Everybody is taking heart and hope for the future, and I cannot conceive a better mode of checking the rising tide of prosperity than to throw the country into another angry financial excitement to carry out what is at best but a theory. I think if the proposition were ever expedient in its life, it would be an injurious time to make it.

THE New York *Sun*, of the 8th, states that Judge Black, on Friday night, in reply to some gentleman who had declared in his presence that Tilden was dead politically, and no longer potent in national politics, said that this was a great mistake. "In my judgment," said Judge Black "Mr. Tilden is the most potential man in the democratic party. If the party was so ungrateful as to sacrifice him, it must have a care about the manner in which it does the business. His was not a carcass to be hacked for the hounds, but a dish to be carved as fit for the gods. No democrat can reach the White House by stepping on the political corpse of Mr. Tilden. Talk about conciliating the several thousand men of at least very doubtful characters who traitorously defied the decision of the party convention and bolted Governor Robinson! Would it not be better to pay some regard to the six hundred thousand tried and true men who loyally stood by the ticket? No, no; Mr. Tilden may consent to be sacrificed, but without his consent the feast will be one of funereal meats."

"THE hand is the hand of Esau, but the voice is the voice of Jacob." Now they say that the hand of Sly Sammy Tilden is suspected of being at the bottom of the Voorhees resolution in the senate that is designed to offset Mr. Bayard's effort to eliminate the legal tender quality of the greenback. The hand is probably the hand of Tilden, but the voice is the voice of Tom Hendricks. Both of them have a special dislike for Bayard (1) because he was conspicuous in getting the electoral commission law passed which resulted in the 8 to 7 count that didn't count in Sam and Tom as president and vice president of these United States, and (2) because Mr. Bayard seems to be just now the most prominent competitor of both of them for the next Democratic nomination. It is for their interest to kill off Bayard and Thurman, and then fight it out among themselves at last. Hendricks looks upon the defeat of Ewing and Thurman in Ohio in October as fatal to the presidential aspirations of the latter, and upon the opposition of Tammany to Tilden in New York as practically settling the case of Tilden's nomination in 1880.—Hence a survey of the field only shows to Mr. Hendricks Mr. Bayard as his principal contestant, and hence the resolution of Voorhees to checkmate the senator from Delaware, and to bring his scheme into disrepute among the soft-money lunatics of the West, of whom Dan is chief.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 18, 1879.

THE good people of our lively southern suburb, Macon, want to be "encumbered" with another railroad.

IN Rome efforts are being made to form a club for woman's advancement. The American residents are active, and the present Queen of Italy has long been interested in educational matters, and her attendance at the lectures makes them fashionable.

THAT eminent greenbacker, Charles Merris, is not pleased with the railroad route surveyed through his orchard, near Macon. Why don't he move the line by *resolution*? That is about the easiest way we know of to build railroads, and it is in perfect keeping with the methods of the great greenback party.

THE outrage perpetrated upon the people of Maine by the Democratic Governor and state officers, whereby the expressed will of the legal voters has been disregarded, and the control of the state government turned over to a party that was repudiated at the polls—will not result in any permanent advantage to the Democratic party, either in Maine or elsewhere. Fraud and violence may succeed for a time, but the American people are remarkably unanimous in their desire to see fair play, and very much disposed to sit down hard on the man or set of men who endeavor to succeed through the practice of the gouge game. Gov. Garcelon has been popularly regarded as the representative of all the decency and honor possessed by the Democratic party of Maine, but it seems that he is not above doing the dirty work required of him by his masters. Like a true Democrat he bows loyally to the behest of the caucus, and hesitates not to do for "the party" that which he would consider dishonest and unmanly if done in a business transaction. Gov. Garcelon deserves well of his party. He has disgraced himself for its benefit; let him be nominated for president as a fit reward.

NEWSPAPER CHANGE.

The Springfield *Register* of Sunday morning announces a change in the proprietorship of that paper, the late owners having disposed of the establishment to a company composed of the firm of Weber & Co., Charles W. Edwards and John H. Oberly. The firm of Weber & Co. are the present state printers. Mr. Edwards was for a long time connected with the business department of the *Journal*, and Mr. Oberly has been for many years the popular and able editor of the Cairo *Bulletin*. Under the new management the editorial department of the *Register* will be in his charge, and we shall confidently expect him to make the organ of the Democracy at the capital a much fairer and more tolerant newspaper than it has been since Ex Governor Palmer put its columns under the control of his brilliant but somewhat reckless assistant, Maj. Louis H. Souther. We wish the *Register* success under its new management.

IT seems to be conceded on all sides that General James A. Garfield will be elected United States Senator by the Ohio Legislature, next month, to succeed Thurman. Ohio has not an abler nor more patriotic statesman than General Garfield. At the expiration of his present term, he will have been a member of the House for twenty consecutive years.

IT is a well demonstrated and indisputable fact that, with a full and fair vote in Louisiana, the Republicans have an overwhelming majority. What, then, is the inference of the official announcement now made that the Democrats carried that State at the recent election by 30,000 majority, and that they will have a majority of eighty on joint ballot in the newly-elected Legislature?

IT is announced in Washington, with some show of authority, that, as regards the Louisiana contested seat in the Senate, the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections will report that neither Kellogg nor Spofford was legally elected, and that the seat now occupied by W. P. Kellogg be declared vacant. This would require the election of another Senator by the present Louisiana Legislature.

Church Festival.

The ladies of Madison church, in Blue Mound township, will give a festival on Christmas night, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the purchase of an organ for the church. Oysters and other choice edibles will be served in abundance at reasonable rates. Admission free.

An Old Letter of Mr. Lincoln's.

The Omaha *Republican* prints a letter from Abraham Lincoln which has some historic interest. The letter was addressed to a gentleman who is now a resident of Omaha, and is as follows:

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., April 16, 1859.

MY DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 15th just received. My engagements are such that I cannot at any very early day visit Rock Island to deliver a lecture, or for any other object.

As to the other matter you kindly mention, I must in candor say I do not think myself fit for the presidency. I certainly am flattered and gratified that some partial friends think of me in that connection, but I really think it best that no concerted effort such as you suggest be made. Let this be considered confidential. Yours very truly,

A. LINCOLN.

There can be no doubt from the phraseology of the letter and the request that it be considered confidential that Mr. Lincoln sincerely distrusted his fitness for the office of president, and deprecated the use of his name in that connection.

A PROMINENT Republican in Mississippi, for some time a member of congress, in a private letter to a friend in Chicago, indulges in the following lively writing:

When Grant is posted, his head is always level, and if he is nominated we will buckle on our armor and go into the fight in old-fashioned style; but we won't strike a lick for any Miss Nancys, nor for any man of the icicle kind, either. We want a man with blood in him as well as brains—some one who is neither too saintly nor too cowardly to strike back. The most human thing any of the apostles ever did was when Peter lammed away with his cheese-knife and cut off the fellow's ear; and though he was reproved, because it was not in accordance with the "plan of salvation," I notice he got the best place up yonder, and, so long as he keeps the keys, I'll warrant he'll never go back on a poor devil for making a square fight.

The Republicans of Mississippi are in better trim than they have been for some years. Singular as it may seem, Grant can call out a larger white vote than any other man, and of course the colored vote would rejoice at his nomination.

IN his speech at Pittsburg, General Grant, with characteristic terseness and simplicity, struck at the root of the school question. In the broadest sense the security of the republic depends upon the intelligence of the people; and the great agency for the diffusion of intelligence is the public school, which is the basis of our republican institutions. The statistics of illiteracy, to which the General referred, show that the public school system of the country is yet far from being adequate to the requirements, particularly in the far West, South and Southwest. It may even be questioned whether in any of the States, were a compulsory system enforced, the present provision for public schools would be found anywhere near to being adequate for the instruction in fact of every boy and girl in the common school branches. But in any event, his suggestion, that what is left of the public domain be set apart for support of the public schools, is one that must command assent. It is the one method by which what is in truth the domain of the public shall be devoted to the public good in the best sense.—*Inter-Ocean.*

"EVICTION" is a very pretty word than means a very shabby act. In Ireland, England and Scotland, when an unfortunate farm tenant is unable to pay the landlord every cent of rent when due, the latter has him "evicted"—that is, driven out of house and home by a sheriff or constable, the unfortunate tenant's improvements on the premises going for nothing, as far as he is concerned. It is not unfrequently the case that by the tenant improving the farm buildings and increasing the fertility of the soil, the premises are greatly enhanced in value, and the landlord raises the rent rates proportionately. Hence it is that the tenant farmers—it being against their interest to make improvements—are generally contented to get along in a shipshod fashion. The entire system of landlordism in Great Britain is not only very oppressive to the tillers of the soil, but exceedingly short-sighted on the part of the proprietors. Two things the tenant-farmers demand—first, that they may have an opportunity to purchase lands for themselves, and, second, that when they lease farms, the landlords shall not have the power to exact extortionate rents nor "evict" them without allowing them the value of buildings or other actual improvements they may have made at their own expense. The demand is reasonable and just.—*Chicago Journal.*

SAID Mrs. Grant to her baby (Col. Fred) speaking playfully in the far-off times when she couldn't afford a new dress to go to a ball: "Never mind, Ulie, papa may be president of the United States one of these days, and then we will have plenty of dresses." "He's going to be president," Mrs. Lincoln was accustomed to say of her husband, "or I shouldn't have married him, for he isn't pretty, you know." Doubtless there are several thousand women in the country who have made similar remarks, but somehow or other the prophecies, so-called, don't find their way into print.

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CHICAGO CORRESPONDENCE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15, 1879.

EDS. REPUBLICAN:—A speck of war clouds the political horizon in Chicago, the chiefs have put on their war paint, donned their armor and threaten to revive all the bitter feeling of the past, and just on account of one man who is neither important as a factor in politics or necessary to the interests of the government. James McDowell, who was appointed (God only knows for what reason) assistant superintendent of the new custom house, has been removed, and because of this the followers and henchmen of General Logan are up in arms protesting against his removal and demanding his reinstatement.—When it is borne in mind that Mr. McDowell is by profession an apothecary's clerk, and has no fitness at all for the position from which he has been removed, the absurdity of the demand becomes apparent. As near as I can learn there was no intention on the part of Secretary Sherman to offend anybody by giving this man the bounce. James McDowell is a narrow-minded man who thought it a part of his official duty to serve his patron alone and to punish those who differed with him in personal opinions. To be brief, any man who would not split hairs with him, let him be the most faithful of Republicans, could find no employment in the custom house, and it is safe to say that this policy of proscription on his part had more to do with his removal than anything else.

We are having our usual number of mysterious murders; a few days ago a negro by the name of John Irving was found dead in his bed with a bullet hole through his head. The coroner is investigating the matter with his usual shrewdness, but as yet has failed to discover any clue to the assassin. The wife of the murdered man has been subjected to a rigid examination and it is believed from the confused and contradictory manner in which she gave her testimony, that she knows more of the terrible affair than she cares to tell.

The *Tribune* is bombarding President Hayes and Secretary Sherman for the position they have assumed on the greenback question. But it is generally admitted by intelligent men that sooner or later the position assumed by Secretary Sherman will be assumed by the party. Thinking men should reason this question quietly and not censure the executive or the secretary for being a little in advance of the times.

The project for having the next national convention meet in this city is assuming some shape. James F. Root, who is a member of the national committee, is working like a trojan to accomplish such a result, but it is no common occurrence to hear Republicans on the street remark that the convention should be held in the South, at Atlanta, Ga., Montgomery, Ala., or Richmond, Va. They claim that holding the convention at any one of those places would be beneficial to the party inasmuch as it would give the southern people an opportunity to see a gathering of Republican representative men and that it would tend to drive a wedge into the solid South. It must be confessed that their reasoning is not bad, and for the sake of assured success Chicago could afford to do without the honor.

The amusement-loving people are being catered to in a first-class manner. Gen. Haverly has at present for his bright particular stars the Emma Abbot English Opera Company, who begin an engagement this evening. On the 12th of January the Mapleson Italian Opera Company will commence. Marimon, the great French Prima Donna is with this company, and young Chicago for a time will be wild.

The weather is very cold and the creek is fast freezing up.

F. G. T.

ZANESVILLE, OHIO, Sept. 10, 187-

Messrs. MORGAN & ALLEN; 59 St. John st., New York City.—*Dear Sirs*, I am pleased to inform you that father is almost as well as he ever was. His appetite is improving daily; he does not have to get up during the night, whereas he used to get up every half hour. He remarked at the supper-table this evening that he felt so well—better than he had for several years. The quantity of urine now passed in twenty four hours does not exceed one quart—the proper quantity—quite a drop from 35 gallon. Will do as you say, let him eat anything, and if any return of the disease you will hear from me. Yours very truly,

JNO. L. SMITH.

ZANESVILLE, Nov. 7, 1878.

Messrs. MORGAN & ALLEN, 59 St. John st., New York City.—*Dear Sirs*. It has been some time since I wrote you in regard to how father was getting along. So I thought I would write you to-day. I am happy to say that he is *entirely well*, has been cured with less than three bottles of Constitution Water. Since he has been taking the Constitution Water, we have heard of a good many cases of diabetes in this city. One lady especially has it very bad. When we first heard of her she was in bed with it. She bought one bottle of Constitution Water, and, after taking a few doses, was able to sit up. Send me as many circulars as you can for the enclosed stamps. There are a great many persons that want them. Yours very truly

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FAIR DIRECTORS.

Called Meeting of the Macon County Agricultural Board at the Court House.

A called meeting of the board of directors of the Macon County Agricultural Board was held at the court house on Monday, Dec. 15, 1879, at 10 o'clock a. m., President J. R. Miller in the chair.

The roll being called and a quorum found present, the board proceeded to business.

On motion an auditing committee, consisting of V. Barber, J. Y. Braden and Benj. Dill, was appointed to examine the reports of the secretary and treasurer.

On motion a recess of fifteen minutes was given to enable the committee to perform their work, after which the board was called to order and the following report of the auditing committee read and adopted:

We the undersigned, auditing committee, appointed to examine the accounts of the secretary and treasurer of the Macon County Agricultural Board for 1879, have examined each account and voucher separately, and report them correct.

V. BARBER,
BENJ. DILL,
J. Y. BRADEN,
Committee.

On motion it was decided to allow Mr. Morthland ten dollars for labor on track during fair week.

On motion the secretary was instructed to draw warrants for the balance of J. A. Brown & Son's premiums.

The board then proceeded to canvass the vote for officers and directors for the ensuing year, beginning Jan. 1, 1880, cast at the fair grounds Sept. 25, 1879; the result being the election of the following named gentlemen:

V. Harber, pres't; J. R. Miller, vice pres't; M. B. Thomas, sec'y; J. H. Miller, treas.; and J. Y. Braden, D. S. Allen, E. A. Jones, T. M. Taylor, Jeff. Willard, Benj. Dill, Samuel Weaver, Daniel Stookey and Hiram Ward, Directors.

Messrs. Barber and Miller having declined to serve, a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Thomas, Allen and Barber, was appointed to present names for the vacancies, and instructed to report at the next meeting.

On motion the board adjourned subject to call. J. R. MILLER, Pres't.

M. B. THOMAS, Sec.

Harper's.

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SOUTH MACON AROUSED.

Enthusiastic Mass Meeting of Citizens in the Hight Hall, at which Strong Resolutions Affecting the Railroad Interests of that Vicinity are Adopted.

A large and enthusiastic mass meeting of the citizens of the city of Macon assembled in the Hight Hall on Saturday night, Dec. 13th, 1879, the object of the meeting being to take action in reference to the proposed route of the Indianpolis and Kansas City Air Line Railway lately surveyed, about one-half mile north of the city of Macon. Dr. William Sturgis acted as chairman, and A. G. Harris, Esq., acted as secretary. Messrs. Shaw and Frick made able addresses upon the advantages said route would be to the people of this section of the county.—Charles Merris opposed the route on the grounds that it would cut through his apple orchard. A committee of three were appointed by the chair to draft a resolution, who, after a little delay, reported the following, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The recent survey by a corps of engineers under the direction of the L., D. & S. R'y Co. through Macon township in a southwesterly direction to Roodhouse, has inspired a hope in the minds of the citizens of Macon and vicinity that a railroad is about to be built through this great agricultural district, connecting the Chicago and Alton Kansas City Air Line, thence west to the great railway and transportation routes of the Pacific coast, and that said road, if completed, will pass along the northern boundaries of the city of Macon, giving to the citizens of Macon township a route that will be of incalculable worth to them.

WHEREAS, At a recent mass meeting held by the citizens of the city of Decatur at the court house, the mercenary motives of the citizens of said city were strongly expressed in a resolution which was "unanimously adopted" at that meeting, showing that her own personal interests were paramount to all others; and there was expressed in said resolution grave fears that the main line would run—just nine miles—south of said city of Decatur; and

WHEREAS, Said resolution reflects upon the growth and development of our city and surrounding country; and believing that Decatur is already encumbered with more railroads than her interests require, we would respectfully call the attention of the officers of said proposed railroad to the magnificent agricultural district through which said surveyed route passes the excellent grading advantages, offering splendid inducements to a cheap, as well as a practical, railway route, with no bridges to build or hills to cut through, as will be necessary if said road goes through Decatur; therefore be it

Resolved, That we will give to said undertaking all the encouragement in our power—rivaling the earnestness manifested by the citizens of the city of Decatur; and that the mayor and city council of the city of Macon be asked to use their influence in soliciting the building of said road—just nine miles—south of Decatur. And we denounce the rapacity of Decatur in her zeal to pull down the interest of her country tributaries.!

The chair appointed Messrs. A. F. Hight, Wm. Harbert, Jacob Frick and Dr. Shaw to furnish to the officers of the L. D. & S. R'y Co. statistics of the amount of grain and stock shipped at Macon and Blue Mound in the years of 1878-'79.

On motion, it was ordered that a copy be sent to a newspaper in Decatur for publication.

A motion was made to adjourn, and carried. A. G. HARRIS, Sec.

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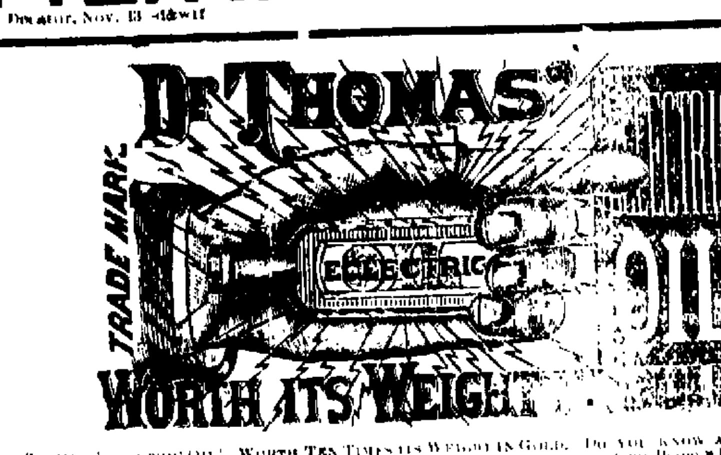

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"Are you going to Bloomington during the holidays?" This is the first question the "schoolmaster" asks when he meets his brother pedagogue. "Yes, if I can afford it," is the response. "Well, can you afford not to go? Can you afford to lose the opportunity to get a little more enthusiasm? For, after all, what do we get but enthusiasm? Can we, poor pedagogues, listen to Radford, of Eureka, D. Adams, of Bloomington, James P. Slade, State Superintendent, John W. Cook, of Normal, or S. E. Hewitt, of Normal without arousing the slumbering fires of our dormant energies? Can we afford to stay away?" The trains on the Illinois Central make the most convenient runs to get there and return, and, added to this, the agent will sell members of the association round trip tickets at one and one-fifth fare. Let Macon county say to her sister counties that she will not lack in her duty to attend these feasts of good things.

Of the four lady candidates for county superintendents in Wisconsin lately, only one was elected and she defeated a lady. Illinois has eight lady county superintendents.

Edwin Philbrook, of the third ward, Decatur, is to talk on "How or why, which and how much," before the state association at Bloomington, Dec. 30.

BRIGHT LESSONS.

Conduct all your classes in a bright, cheerful manner. A scholar will much longer remember dry facts, if they are presented in a lively way. I have in my mind a certain singing class, whose instructor is of a gay, jovial character; the dull points in music are explained so brightly and vivaciously that good humor is in every heart, attention on every face, and the rules are committed to memory. Teachers, get out of your listless, indifferent method of conveying information. Tell something fresh to your pupils; keep a note book and enter into it things that strike you; in this way you will have no difficulty in fitting subjects together. Do not be like the young lady teacher who said, "I pride myself on never doing any school work after three o'clock." She has her reward; you can guess what. A child can soon tell, from the lighting up of your face, from your interest and manner, from your eager voice, that you are in earnest, and a responsive chord will be touched. You will gather inspiration from the listeners themselves, and your class will brighten as the teacher brightens.—*N. Y. School Journal.*

SENATOR HOAR, of Massachusetts, has introduced an important bill into the senate. It provides for the appointment of a commission to "inquire and report as to the extent to which machinery and labor saving processes have entered into the production and distribution of products of general consumption among the people to the displacement of manual labor; also whether any causes are in operation to bring about the ownership and cultivation of lands in large tracts instead of small farms and homesteads; also, as to the conditions of persons employed in agricultural, mechanical, manufacturing and mining labor in this country, and especially whether any causes are at work to change for the better, or worse, the condition of such persons, the hours of labor, the education of their children, and the proportion received by them of the profits of the occupation in which they are engaged.

England's Danger of Want

Chicago Times.

England is becoming alarmed for its food supply. One paper dolefully declares that out of every five loaves of bread eaten in England in 1880 three must come from the United States and Russia. The *Pall Mall Gazette* is so thoroughly frightened that it wants Her Majesty's navy increased. "It is now ascertained that we shall require not less than eighteen million quarters of wheat from outside sources during the coming year, or two million more than was at first officially estimated. Here lies the paramount necessity of a stronger navy. We cannot afford to run the slightest risk of a temporary blockade. With millions of men dependent upon countries thousands of miles distant for their daily bread, what would be the result of even a fortnight's short supply?" In some parts of the country matters are even worse. In Silesia there is famine, but rumors of wars are constantly heard. Bismarck was right. There should be a disarmament of Europe, in order that men may earn their bread from the soil.

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Dec. 18—d&w1w

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Decatur, Ill., Dec. 15, 1879.
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Dec. 18—w3w

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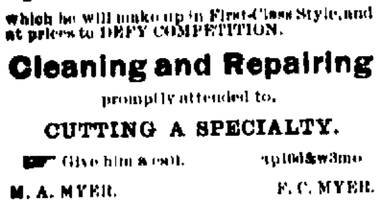

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Nov. 21, 1878—wlyr

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TAKEN UP BY FREDERICK KATER AT his residence in the town of South Wheatland, in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, on the 4th day of November, A. D. 1879, an ESTRAY COLT, described as follows, to wit: Sorrel mare colt, with two hind feet white and blaze in forehead, two years old; no other marks. Appraised at $25.

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Dec. 11—w3w*

Mr. Jay Gould's Personal Habits.

N. Y. Cor. St. Louis Republican.

Mr. Gould's millions now crowd close to those of Vanderbilt. He is a man of finer texture than the old Commodore's son. He doesn't run to fine horses, costly stables and blooded steeds.—At night, when he dismisses his operators from the telegraph offices in his own house in Fifth avenue, and enters up in a little book the telegraphic reports of the receipts of the various railroads which he owns, he does not go to a club to carouse, to a banquet to steam up with champagne, or to a theatre; he retires to the recesses of a peaceful library, and, with his young sons about him, reads the Latin classics, the world forgetting, but not by the world forgot—by a large majority. The next morning early he has the telegraph doing lightning service, and he is sending an electric shock through Wall street as soon as the bulls and the bears come into that field for pasture. Mr. Gould is a liberal man, although when he makes a bequest he does not have the information written in manifold and sent to all the newspapers. The first news New York had of his gift to the Memphis sufferers of $5,000 came from Memphis, as did the news of the gift of the second $5,000.

Mr. Gould, being a small man of little physical prowess, is naturally not disposed to put himself recklessly in the way of the horns of the bulls and the claws of the bears. There are some men in Wall street, as Mr. Gould has reason to know, who wish to resent their losses with their fists, and are disposed to follow Major Selover's example, and dispatch him bodily down into a convenient area. Accordingly, Mr. Gould keeps his office guarded by a stout Irishman, who prevents the intrusion of visitors, and he has usually a private way to get into the street. He has, too, it is said, a big Italian bookkeeper who accompanies him on many of his business trips about town, and stands ready to protect his millionaire employer.

HIS POLICY.

While one of the sanitary police was moving through the alleys of Cass avenue the other day, says the Detroit Free Press, he came upon two bad nuisances at once. One family had thrown a great heap of garbage over the fence, and the other had dumped over an old mattress and two or three dead cats.—The citizen living between the two heaps came out to the fence holding his nose, and the officer asked:

"How long have these nuisances existed?"

"Oh, about a month," was the reply.

"And you haven't lodged a complaint at the City Hall?"

"No."

"Why, this horrible stench must float into your house?"

"Yes, so it does; but I wasn't fixed to say anything. The man over here lends me his lawn mower twice a week, and my wife borrows most of our tea and coffee of the other one. I kinder figgered on it, and concluded not to raise a row unless the mower got too dull or the brand of coffee run down.

A Wealthy Western New Yorker.

From the Ithaca Journal.

Mrs. H. Sibley, of Rochester, has erected a Protestant Episcopal Church in North Adams, Mass., at an expense of $25,000. This lady is the wife of the gentleman who endowed the Sibley College of Arts, a gift valued at $80,000. Mr. Sibley is one of the wealthiest men in Western New York. His possessions are not made the subject of public comment as frequently as those of other millionaires, and, therefore, it is not generally known how vast they are. The bulk of the fortune was realized from the profits derived from constructing telegraph lines, in which he was largely interested with Ezra Cornell. Mr. Sibley is the owner of an immense quantity of real estate. During the summer he told that he had one corn-field in Illinois which contained 1,000 acres; he also said that if he were to visit one of his farms every week it would require just a year to make the round.

"THE population of the globe," says an English paper, "may be roughly estimated at 1,421,000, divided thus: Europe, 309,000,000; Asia, 824,000,000; Africa, 199,000,000, Oceanica, 4,000,000, America, 85,000,000. It has been calculated from the mortality tables of known countries that the annual number of deaths throughout the world is 35,693,350, or that, in other words, 99,790 die each day. On the other hand, the balance of population is more than kept up by births at the rate of 104,800 per day. Seventy new lives are ushered in every minute of the twenty-four hours in a day."

"Where is our American Navy?" shrieks an exchange. If this excited editor is laboring under the impression that it is concealed in this town he is mistaken. We haven't seen anything of the American navy and we are in the vicinity of the Schuylkill canal a good deal, too. If the navy is lost, the price of it should be deducted from Secretary Thompson's salary. We told him six months ago that if he did not put bells on the necks of our steam rams, the entire navy would wander away and lose itself. He said he could get up another one just as good inside of two weeks, and now let us see him do it.—*Norristown Herald.*

The Progress of Temperance in England.

In his new lecture, prepared since his return from England and first delivered Monday night in New York City, Mr. John B. Gough says:

"After a lapse of twenty years I found things greatly changed in England. When I went to Oxford at that time a total abstainer could not be found who was willing to preside at my meeting, and one had to be brought from London. This year there was no such difficulty, and instead of being met with hisses and jeers, as on my first visit, I was well received. But why the change?" said Mr Gough dramatically. "The people have been frightened into it. It has been truly said that the workingman often goes into the public house a respectable man, and comes out a felon. The people know this, and they are afraid. In England there are two pledges—the total abstinence and the moderation pledge. In this country there is also a moderation society. Now we have no quarrel with the moderate drinkers, and will not say one word against them. But there are some men who can drink moderately, and others who cannot do so. It is like the negro who needed shoes, and saw an expensive pair in a shop that he liked very much. He made a compromise with his conscience, and, instead of stealing the better shoes, took a cheaper pair from the shelf. I believe prevention is better than cure."

Indiana Press Sentiment.

If the Indiana rural press is an index of public sentiment in that state, the tide is settling strongly toward Tilden for the democratic nomination in 1880. Twenty-five democratic papers whose opinions have been collected, speak out more or less openly for Tilden. Hendricks is severely criticised for his emphatic refusal to again take the second place on the ticket. The New Albany *Ledger-Standard* says, with his soft money ideas and antagonism to Tilden, he would fall 100,000 votes short of carrying New York. The Fort Wayne *Sentinel* says it is very doubtful if New York can be carried next year without Tilden's co operation, and without New York the presidency cannot be secured. Several other papers speak in the same strain. It seems likely from the general tone of democratic sentiment that after one or two complimentary ballots for Hendricks, Indiana will throw the bulk of her strength in the democratic national convention for Tilden.

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YOU can make a magnificent selection of carpets at Abel & Locke's.

IN Peoria the bell telephone has 178 subscribers on its list, and Edison nearly 300. In Decatur the Edison has 55 instruments in working order.

A FINE display of celluloid goods suitable for holiday presents at W. C. Armstrong's drug store.

THE Sabbath School children of the Baptist Church will have a huge Christmas tree this year.

THE Union depot skating rink is in good condition, and Chief Dodson extends an invitation to all the boys grown old to come down and take a slide.

BUY Bergman's Zephyrs of Linn & Scruggs, and you will get much better zephyrs and one third more in weight than anywhere else. [Dec. 4-d&wtf

THE Moultrie county agricultural board has just been organized with a capital stock of $2,000. The incorporators are G. W. Vaughn, Dock Patterson, C. A. Sargent and J. E. Eden.

ON Thursday evening, Dec. 18, Rev. H. O. Hoffman, pastor of the First M. E. Church, Bloomington, will deliver a lecture in Stapp's Chapel; subject—"The Warm Country Trinity—Diabolism, Communism, Ingersollism."

DIARIES for 1880.—Large variety, embracing all grades from cheap to very fine, at J. M. Stookey & Co.'s.

Dec. 10—d&wtf

THE next meeting of the State Horticultural Society will not be held at Decatur. It will convene at Warsaw in December, 1880.

AN artist is at work painting new scenery to be used on the enlarged tabernacle stage. A half dozen handsome sets are nearly finished.

A NEW boiler has been placed in the engine room of the Decatur woolen mills, at a cost of $600. It took the place of the one that exploded some months ago. Business at the mills is very prosperous, and is under good management.

GENTLEMEN, are you in need of a good suit of clothing? If so, you can save money by calling at Cheap Charley's. Dec 13—d&wtf

WANTED—Second-hand furniture and stoves; new goods at the lowest price, regardless of the advance. All goods warranted as represented or money refunded. E. HOUSTON.

Nov14-dtf

THE month of February has five Sundays and twenty-nine days—the month coming in on Sunday. Coal, wood and "ile" will have to suffer in that month in households where marriageble daughters abound. It is stated that the occurrence of five Sundays in February will not take place again until the year 1948.

20,000 yards of elegant woolen dress goods, only 12½c a yard, at the Popular New York Store 11-d&wtf

THE newly-elected officers of the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railway, (late P., L. & D. and D., S. & M. roads), are: Columbus R. Cummings, George J. Seney, John L. Martin, E. H. R. Lyman, John B. Cohrs, Eli Wiley and Edward Richards, Directors; C. R. Cummings, president; John B. Cohrs, vice president; R. A. Bunker, treasurer. The new road extends from Peoria through this city to Mattoon, a distance of 117 miles.

THE Springfield *Journal* of to-day states that C. H. Chappell, Sup't of the Western Division of the W., St. L. & P. R'y, has been offered and has accepted the position of general superintendent of the Chicago & Alton R. R., made vacant by the resignation of W. C. Van Horne.—"Scarfaced" Charley is bound to rise.

THE St. Charles Bridge, recently damaged by the rise of water in the Missouri river, has been completely reconstructed, and all trains west of the Mississippi river are now running through between St. Louis and the northern termini without change or delay.

THE Chicago *Times* of a recent date, in speaking of the market for car and draught horses in that city says: "As an example of how horses are being held, it may be stated that for a pair of dark bays, seventeen hands high, and weighing 3,000 pounds, an offer of $650 was refused by the owner. If the weather sets in cold and settled, heavy animals will go off like hot cakes."

THE Illinois Central Railroad Company has decided to erect extensive car shops at some point on their road, and are now debating with regard to location. It was at first decided to build them in Chicago, but the tract of land which they had in view is held at such exorbitant rates by the owners that they have abandoned that idea. Bloomington and other towns along the road are making big bids for the bonanza, but as yet the dignified management deign no reply to propositions. Decatur's claims ought to be handed in at once, for the shops can be had for less than $50,000.

Governor St. John's Reply.

Some months ago, it will be remembered, Constables W S Odor and Jerome Edwards, of this county, on information received by Jacob I Bear, of the county clerk's office, succeeded in effecting the arrest of J Cal Wilson, near Harristown, then wanted in Harvey county, Kansas, on a charge of murder. Wilson was placed in jail here, where he remained until Sheriff McAdams, of Kansas, came with a requisition and took him away.—Mr. Bear had received letters from one W W Haines, offering to give one-half of the reward in case Wilson was arrested by any one here. The reward offered by Gov St John was $300, and by Harvey county $150—making a total of $450. Nothing more was heard of the matter until several weeks ago, when Odor and Edwards received a letter from Gov St John, stating that he had $300 reward money ready to pay to proper parties, and that he would hold it for two weeks. Thereupon the letters sent to Mr Bear by Haines, and the affidavits of the constables, setting forth their claims, were sent to the governor, and also copies of the letters and similar affidavits to the authorities of Harvey county. After another long wait came the following letter from the governor of Kansas, which shows that he has wholly disregarded the claims and rights of our officials.

STATE OF KANSAS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
TOPEKA, Dec. 1, 1879.

MESSRS. NELSON & HUNDLEY, Decatur, Ill.:

Gentlemen:—In answer to your letter of the 28th ultimo, I have the honor to state that the reward for the capture and conviction of J C Wilson, of Harvey co., Kansas, has been paid—one-half to H H McAdams, Sheriff of that county, and the other half to W W Haines, of Wichita, Kansas—to whom the parties referred to by you will apply if they have an arrangement with them by which they were to receive the reward or any portion of it.

Very Truly,
JOHN P. ST. JOHN, Governor.

So it appears that that three hundred dollars has been divided equally between McAdams and Haines, who had nothing to do but come here and get their man whom Macon county detectives apprehended and placed behind the bars in our county jail. It can scarcely be expected that the Kansas officers will give up even a dollar of the money to Edwards or Odor. Wilson was tried and convicted of the murder and sentenced to imprisonment for 16 years. Hereafter if Kansas murderers flee to Macon county for refuge, Gov. St John will have to look to others than Odor and Edwards to make any arrests he or any of his county officials may demand or suggest.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Lou C. Allen-Gregory, on "What to Teach Our Girls," at the tabernacle Dec. 181.

Mrs. M. H. Villars, of Pana, reports that there are 56,599 temperance workers in Illinois.

J. Hunter Millikin, the ponderous crier of the circuit court, occupies that important position with the dignity and efficiency of one long in the harness.

S. B. Crissey, of Decatur, Illinois, is spending a few weeks with his family at L. Wilmarth's.—*Marshall (Mich.) Statesman.*

Peter Loeb, of the malleable iron works, this city, will receive $1490 for placing that new iron fence around the Piatt county court house at Monticello. The contract is let at $2.12 per foot, and the iron posts will cost $10 each.

F. M. Leforgee, the retired photographer, will not go to California with his family as stated recently. He is going to Florida, where he will engage in the saw-mill business.

D. M. Simmons has been reappointed postmaster of Jacksonville, a position he has filled for a number of years with pretty general satisfaction to the public.

Wendell Phillips, the noted orator, will lecture at the opera house next Saturday evening, on "Street Life in Europe."—Hear him.

Wm. Patterson, one of the most artistic marble cutters in the city, has just executed a large pen and ink sketch that is attracting considerable attention and much admiration. He calls it "Astronomy Reduced to a Circus."

Miss Louie Jones is home from Denver, Col., where she has been having a delightful visit since last July. While west she and her sister, Miss Ida, who returned with her, passed about two weeks with acquaintances at Leadville, the famous mining town

Presiding Elder Hiram Buck is the proud owner of a fine piece of horse-flesh—a late purchase from a DeWitt county man. The horse is a fast trotter, and the reverend gentleman seldom, if ever, permits any nag to pass him on street or road.

Thos. J. Hughes, for three years in the employ of R. Ashby, and for nearly one year with Ashby & Andress, the opera block furniture dealers, has entered the employ of R. Liddle, the hardware and queensware merchant in court house block, where he would be pleased to see all his old friends and as many new ones as will favor him with a call.

To the Public.

You can be supplied with overshoes, rubbers, etc., at Barber & Baker's. Call and select a pair. They have a large assortment on hand! [Nov26d&wtf

MACON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT.

December Term, 1879.

THURSDAY, DEC 11.

Court convened at 8.30 a. m.

CHANCERY DOCKET.

Cunningham Smith vs Ellen J Alkins et al; foreclosure; decree; pro confesso, and referred to master.

Mary Ellen Stoy vs. John S. Stoy; injunction and divorce. Motion to dissolve injunction overruled, and leave to amend by Monday, Dec. 15th.

Bertram Jamison vs Ida M Pratt; partition; referred to master.

John Trainer, Co. Sup't of schools, vs David L Allen; foreclosure; decree pro confesso and referred to master.

Timothy Logan et al., executors, &c., vs Mary A. McMillin et al; foreclosure; J M. Clokey, Esq, appointed guardian *ad litem* for minor defendants, and decree pro confesso against defendants not answering.

Emma E Warrick vs Charles S Hull et al; injunction; motion entered to dissolve injunction.

COMMON LAW DOCKET.

The Home Savings Bank of St Louis, Mo., vs James Buckingham; attachment; motion to quash bond overruled, and motion entered to quash publication notice.

Samuel Weitzel for the use of R. E. Andrews vs. Geo Hoagland et al; debt; leave to amend declaration, and case continued.

People for use of &c., vs. Wm. J. Usrey et al; debt; demurrer to declaration overruled.

Frank Phiper vs W A Brooks; appellant; appeal; dismissed for want of prosecution.

Samuel Blackford vs Chas Connaghan; ejectment; on motion of defendant cause continued at his costs.

Black and Hoffman vs Berthold Stine; assumpsit; dismissed by plaintiff.

FRIDAY, DEC. 12.

Court convened at 8:30 a. m.

CHANCERY DOCKET.

Emma E. Warrick vs. Chas. S Hull et al; motion to dissolve injunction overruled.

Timothy Logan et al, executors, etc., vs. Mary A. McMillan et al; foreclosure. Referred to Master.

Manlius T Shepherd vs John Bahan and John M Rose; confession; trial by jury; verdict and issues for plaintiff; damages, $255.14. Judgment heretofore rendered reduced to the sum of $255.14.

Same vs. Same; trial by court. By agreement issues for plaintiff, and judgment heretofore rendered reduced to $10.

Joseph Davis, appellant, vs. Lewis Kinser; appeal. Trial by jury; verdict, "not guilty."

Wm. E. Peabody, administrator of Barbara Johnson, deceased, vs. The Wabash Railway Co. Case to recover damages resulting from the killing of Barbara Johnson, August, 1877, near Willy Station, south of Stonington, on the St. Louis Branch of the Wabash Railway. Trial by jury. Evidence all in, and case given to the jury at 11 o'clock, with instructions to seal the verdict and present it to the court at 8:30 a. m., on the 13th.

Court then adjourned until Monday, Dec. 15, at 8:30 a. m.

From Friday's Daily.

County Good Templars.

The semi-annual meeting of the Macon county lodge of Good Templars was held in the hall of Decatur Lodge No. 304, yesterday and last evening. There are four lodges in the county in good working order—namely, Decatur Lodge, Progressive Lodge, Niantic Lodge and Blue Mound Lodge, and two others, one at Macon, and another at Maroa, that need reviving. Four lodges were well represented and renewed interest in the work reported. Last evening Uriah Copp, Jr., Grand Chief Templar of Illinois, presided, and led off in the interesting discussion of lodge extension. It was one of the best sessions the county lodge has yet experienced, and all feel encouraged to renew their efforts to "reclaim the fallen and save others from falling." The lodge adjourned to meet in special session on the second Thursday in March, 1880.

From Friday's Daily.

A Brakeman's Arm Broken.

Yesterday afternoon a fresh employe of the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific road, Charles Ward by name, while coupling cars at Ivesdale, 26 miles east of this city, met with an accident that tore the flesh frightfully and broke the bone of his right arm between the wrist and elbow. The young man came to Decatur as soon as possible, and was cared for by the surgeon of the road, Dr. W. J. Chenoweth Ward is a son-in-law of Mr. R. G Sollars, the plasterer, and a brother of Will and John Ward.

Santa Claus' Headquarters.

The Christmas time is almost here, and the children are already dreaming every night of the "lots of nice things" that Santa Claus will bring them. And, speaking of Santa Claus reminds us that his headquarters this year will be at the mammoth stores of R. Liddle in court house block, where may be found such a collection of holiday goods as Decatur has never seen before. Nobody in this region of country knows better than Mr. Liddle how to select that kind of goods, as anybody will be convinced by looking over his stock. Read his advertisement in to-day's paper.

BRILLIANT! CHARMING!!

So Say the Ladies.

The attention of our lady readers is invited to the new advertisement of the Cheap Store, which appears in our issue of to-day. The stock of goods, whose merits are spoken of in the advertisement, is just such an one as the ladies most delight to examine, embracing as it does the thousand and one knicknacks which so delight the feminine heart.—Messrs. Moritz & Co. certainly deserve not only the patronage of the ladies, but their gratitude as well, for engaging in a line of business that adds so much to the delight of shopping, and supplies a want so long felt in this community. The house in question has recently enlarged its business very much, and now keeps in stock about everything in the line of fancy goods for ladies, as well as a very large assortment of staple articles. As to the unprecedentedly low prices at which these goods are sold, ladies, just step in and see for yourselves. Mr. and Mrs. Moritz will take pleasure in showing you their really choice stock, and if you do not buy you are certainly hard to please.

Late Real Estate Sales.

Transfers filed for record since our last report:

Mansfield & Co. and Martin P. Murphey to Thomas J. Fleming; quit claim to 40 acres in Macon township—$50.

John R. Miller to Mills & Harry, for undivided half of two lots adjoining the planing mill, on Eldorado street—$333.30.

Enoch W. Moore to Elizabeth W. Mitchell, for lot north of Priest's Hotel—$1,000.

Julia and Martin Nolan to David Boynehan, for two lots in Peddecord & Burrows' Addition to Decatur—$500.

Sarah Warner and others to N W Rucker, for 40 acres in Long Creek township—$200.

Charles F Emery to Samuel Gerber, for 100 acres in Friends Creek township—$2,640.

J T B Stapp to Gotleib Solloger, for one lot northeast of the Union depot—$75.

A G Benton to W H Hartman, for two lots in Maroa—$100.

Catherine and Edward Schultz to Jacob Kessler, for half lot in South Addition to Decatur—$916.

William Clifton to Lydia McQueen for one lot in Argenta—$80.

E. O. Smith and I. V. Gottra to J. M. Shackleford, for six lots in Blue Mound—$271.

The Telephone Proposition.

Just now considerable interest is awakened among telephone subscribers and property owners generally concerning the possibility of the inauguration of the Edison telephone fire alarm system in this city. That the public may know what progress has been made in the matter, we herewith present the proposition submitted by the telephone company to the city council at its adjourned session Tuesday evening last:

To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Decatur, Ill.:

The undersigned begs leave to respectfully submit to your honorable consideration the following proposition:

The Western Union Telephone Company agrees to put in for the use of the city five (5) Edison telephones, to-wit: One in each of the three hose houses, one in the water works building, and one in the council room, with the necessary attachments for connection with the Exchange, during one year from the date the connection and service begins, at a rental of two hundred and ten dollars ($210) per annum, payable monthly, in advance, the instruments to be placed and connections to be made at the expense of the Exchange, and the same to be used only by city officials on official business. It being understood that the Exchange may disconnect and remove the instruments at any time on refunding the rental, if any paid, for such portion of the term as may remain unexpired after such removal.

Respectfully, J. R. GERRY, Manager.
Decatur, Ill., Dec. 8th, 1879.

The proposition was referred to the fire and water committee, of which J. W. Butman is chairman. The report will be made at the next regular meeting of the council in January next.

Grand Sale and Lunch.

Whole sheet posters are out announcing the sale and lunch to be given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church at the tabernacle, on Friday evening next, Dec. 19th. The ladies say the affair is to differ materially from the fairs and festivals that have taken place heretofore. Among the attractions there will be a fine art department, embracing a rare collection of European photographs, and a big display of dressed dolls, of all sizes, in perfect trim for holiday presents; besides these features there will be an endless assortment of Christmas presents on sale at reasonable prices. During the evening a number of fine tableaux will be presented on the stage. Lunch will be served during the evening, commencing at five o'clock. Lunch, 25 cents; admission, 10 cents. Remember the date—Friday, Dec. 19th, and attend.

It is True

that clothes don't make the man, yet it is also true that clothing is so cheap at Cheap Charley's that you might just as well be well dressed as to look shabby, besides you have the advantage of getting a fit, which for style and quality cannot be excelled in this market.

Dec 13—d&wtf

THIS is probably your last chance to buy prints, skirtings, ginghams and all domestic goods at last year's prices. Call at once to get the great advantage of this offer at the Popular New York Store. 11d&wtf

THE OLD FOLKS AT HOME.

The Grand Old Time Concert and Festival at the Tabernacle—A Large Crowd in Attendance, and the Profits $175.

From Friday's Daily.

The long-talked of Old Folks' concert and festival, by the Stapp's Chapel Social Union, took place at the tabernacle last evening, and that the affair was a decided social and financial success, no one present will for a moment question. The Union numbers over 100 members, and many of the following named persons who participated in the concert and assisted at the refreshment, candy and flower tables, appeared in the quaint modernized costumes of ye olden time—100 years ago or thereabouts: Mrs. James C. Lake, Fannie Shellabarger, Nettie Bowers, Mrs. Isaac Shellabarger, Mrs. John Henkle, Mrs. W. W. Foster, Mrs. Cook, Jennie Stare, Jennie Forstmyer, Nona Gipson, Lou Martin, Jennie Millburn, Lena Henkle, Priscilla Millburn, Emma Penniwell, Della Shellabarger, Cora King, Alice Priest, Stella Mills, Anna Kramer, Lucy Schoff, Willie Brooks, Louie McKenzie, Mrs. John King, Ed. Grunendike, George Patterson, Mrs. James Holliday, Ella Gibson, D. S. Shellabarger, Mrs. John Shellabarger, Emma Millspaugh, Will Stevenson, Dr. A. S. Waltz, John Smith, Aaron Carmany, Ed. Barnett, and many others whose names we were unable to obtain.

The concert was advertised to begin promptly at 7:30, but it did not commence until an hour later; and many in attendance whose memory ran back nearly a century, took occasion to remark that our grandparents didn't keep folks waiting like that—*they* were always on time.

The following is the programme as carried out:

"Auld Lang Syne."—All ye men and women (meaning the choir), led by Mr. Wm. Bowers, with Miss Alida Handy at the organ.

"Invitation" and "Sherburne"—All ye old folks.

Recitation—"The Church Organ," by Priscilla Snooks, (Miss Flora Race.)

"Last Rose of Summer."—By Patience Primrose, (Mrs. James C. Lake.)

"Strike ye Cymball."—By all ye people.

'A two part Worldlie Tune."—By Matilda and Jerusha Stebbins, twin sisters, (Mrs. J. C. Lake and Miss Fannie Shellabarger), with organ accompaniment by Maria, (Miss Nettie Bowers)

"Select Reading."—By Obadiah Bump, (Mr John H. Brayton.)

"David's Lamentation." — By Joyful Hornflower and Trustworthy Stargood, (Hon. A. Brower Bunn and Mr. William Bowers.)

Ditty—"Coming Through the Rye," by Miranda Skinner, (Miss Fannie Shellabarger.

Bunn and Bowers won a hearty encore, and responded by sounding the notes of a quaint song in a manner that provoked great laughter and applause.

After the concert the company mingled together in a social way and partook of the refreshments offered for sale. The number in attendance was so large that we will not attempt to give a list of those present. Suffice it to say that families from nearly every congregation in the city and many out of the fold, were present. It was the universal expression that the occasion was one of real enjoyment.

The net proceeds will be about $175.

Watkins—Hanks.

A very quiet wedding took place on last evening, (Dec. 11th), at 7 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Sarah E Hanks, on West North street, Mr. John C. Watkins, a young farmer of this county, residing near Warrensburg, and Miss Maggie A. Hanks were joined together in the holy bonds of matrimony according to the laws of the great state of Illinois, by Dr. Ira B. Curtis, Justice of the Peace. The ceremony was witnessed only by the near neighbors, and a bountiful supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins will go to farming immediately.

The Chicago Evening Journal.

The prospectus of this splendid paper will be found in another column. The *Journal* is the oldest paper in Chicago, as well as one of the best. Not sensational, believing not in that peculiar sort of management which some publishers misname "enterprise," the *Journal* is emphatically "the old reliable," and is such a paper as no man need hesitate to put into the hands of his children. Read the prospectus, subscribe for the *Journal* (and the REPUBLICAN), heed the precepts taught therein, and you will be happy.

Mothers

Will find nice good suits for their boys, cheap, at Cheap Charley's. 13 d&wtf

MARRIED.

In this city Dec. 9, 1879, by Rev. M. T. Chew, MR. JOHN F. LAMON, of Vincennes, Ind., and Miss ELLA EPLER, of this city.

DIED.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ruthrauff, wife of Wm. Ruthrauff, near Breckenridge, Ill. Dec. 5, 1879, aged 55 years, 6 months and . days.

In Long Creek township, Dec 12, 1879, MRS. LINIA A. HUFF, aged 18 years.

Deceased was the wife of Mr. James Huff, to whom she was united in marriage about a year ago.

In this city, at No. 25 West Main st., Wednesday evening, Dec. 10, 1879, of diabetes, HATTIE BUTTON, aged 10 years.

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TELEGRAPHIC

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The house committee on Indian affairs had a long meeting this morning, and reviewed the whole Indian question, especially what shall be done with the Utes in Colorado. The senate joint resolution introduced by Hill, of Colorado, was amended in several important particulars and finally adopted by the committee for report to the house with recommendations for its passage on the following materially altered terms:

Resolved, That the secretary of the interior be, and is hereby authorized and empowered, through a commission of five persons, to be appointed by the president, or by direct negotiation, as he may deem best, to enter into agreement with such of the Ute Indians in Colorado, as have not by acts of hostility against the United States, or otherwise forfeited their rights under existing treaties, for extinguishment of their title to so much of their reservation, in said state, as may be deemed necessary in the judgment of the committee, or of the secretary of the interior for their removal and settlement in some other suitable place in the state of Colorado; provided, that said commission or secretary of the interior in any agreement made with said tribe of Ute Indians for the cession of any part of their reservation in Colorado, shall obtain before said cession shall be valid, the consent of said Ute tribes of Indians, as provided in section 16 of the treaty made at Washington the 2nd of March, 1868, between the Government of the United States and said tribe of Ute Indians; and, provided, no agreement made with said tribe of Indians shall be valid unless agreed to by three fourths of all the adult male Indians who have not forfeited the treaty rights, as aforesaid, occupying or interested in the same; and provided congress shall confirm said cession, the secretary of the interior shall report his proceedings under this resolution to congress for its consideration and approval. The expense of such negotiation is to be paid by the United States, for which purpose $10,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated.

The committee instructed the chairman to report favorably the resolutions of Representative Scales and Belford.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The principal topic of conversation at the hotels and elsewhere to-night, is the probable action of the National Republican Committee. The opinion seems to prevail that Senator Cameron will be elected chairman, though Representative Frye undoubtedly has considerable following. There was some opposition this afternoon among the older members of the committee to the selection of Senator Cameron, and Geo. Averill, of Minnesota, developed some strength. Chicago is still favored as the place at which the convention will be held, and those who have been most strenuously opposed to the convention going there now concede that the question is pretty conclusively settled in Chicago's favor.

An informal meeting of the members of the National Republican Executive Committee this evening resulted in their virtually disposing of the main business of to-morrow's meeting—selection of a chairman and time and place for holding the convention. As soon as it was known that Cameron would have a place upon the committee Chandler and Frye, who had been considered strong candidates for the chairmanship, announced that they would not make a contest with him for the position. The general impression to-night seems to be that this will result in leaving a clear field for Cameron. A general caucus of views as to the availability of the various cities was suggested and developed an unexpected strength among the advocates of Saratoga, but Chicago seemed to be beyond any.

AMHERSTBURG, Ont., Dec. 13.—The explosion of three tons of nitro-glycerine and mica powder on Fox Island shook and broke up things here as if a violent earthquake had occurred. The report of the explosion was heard forty miles away. At the scene of the explosion, to-day, nothing whatever can be found of the magazine. In its stead is a hole sixty feet in diameter and fifteen feet deep. A good many of the mica powder cartridges are lying around unexploded. The shock was felt so severely at Fletcher, forty-four miles from here that the people abandoned their houses in alarm.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 13.—A special from Santa Fe says Charley W. Merritt, brother of General Merritt, late lieutenant of the ninth cavalry, but dismissed some three weeks ago by a general court martial, committed suicide in his room at the Exchange Hotel, Santa Fe, last night, by shooting himself in the head.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—The negro exodus from Texas to Kansas continues. A considerable number of colored people pass through Dallas daily bound to that state. On the other hand quite a number have returned, stating that they have been deceived about Kansas.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Buckner S. Morris, an old resident, and the second Mayor of Chicago, died this morning. He was Judge of the Circuit Court of Illinois at one time, and has been a candidate for Governor ann held positions of prominence in the state.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—James M. Edmunds, city Postmaster, died this afternoon.

General Grant on Popular Education.

On Saturday evening, at Pittsburgh, General Grant was called upon by the Principals of the public schools. In responding to the address of Professor Fulton, he made a speech destined to become as memorable as his famous speech at Des Moines—as follows:

GENTLEMEN: There is no interest in our country which I feel deserves more to be fostered than that of the public school. Intelligence is the security of the Republic, as ignorance is the upholding of monarchy. To insure ourselves against the disasters of war, particularly civil war, we want education diffused, that the minds of our youth may be sufficiently taught to read and to distinguish between right and wrong, and with such education universally diffused the Republic can never be in danger. I only regret that the statistics show in our country as much illiteracy as is shown. I was surprised at some figures that I heard repeated within a few days; but when we consider the infancy of our public-school system, it is probably not so much to be wondered at. My hope is that the day will come, and that not far distant, when the school facilities everywhere will be such that every child may have the opportunity of receiving a common-school education at the expense of the state, and, if it should be necessary, that there should be in each state in this Union a compulsory education. [Applause.] It would be impossible, I suppose, with our views of state rights (which I would separate altogether from state sovereignty), it would be impossible for the general Government to demand a compulsory school system in the states. But the general Government, so long as it has public lands, might, if it chose, contribute public lands, or in any other way contribute to the support of the free schools in the country, and make any condition that the general Government thought advisable before a state could receive the benefit which the general Government was going to bestow, and in that way indirectly have a part in the compulsory education that I speak of. Of course, you understand that I say the state could be the only authority to compel education within the state, but the general Government, giving its assistance, could come in on condition that the state afford the facilities which every child requires for a common-school education.

Gentlemen, I hope your efforts here in Allegheny county will be imitated all over this broad land, and that in a few years we may see, if not a universal, at least a very general attendance of the children upon our public schools. [Applause.]

Show this to Your Doctor.

CLEVELAND, Nov 1, 1878

Editors "Wachter am Erie," Cleveland,:

GENTLEMEN:—Allow me, as an old reader of your valued journal, herewith to send you a few lines, which please insert in your next issue. I will vouch for their truth, and know that by their publication a great deal of good will be accomplished. Having been a reader of your paper for many years, I hope you will kindly grant my request.

For twelve years I have suffered, from time to time, terribly with Rheumatism, to such an extent that I was unable to move about and lost the use of my limbs. I tried everything recommended to effect a cure, consulted some of the most prominent physicians and expended large sums of money, hoping to find relief, but without success. Glancing over the columns of the *Wachter* I read about the ST. JACOB'S OIL and the many cures this remedy had effected. Having been disappointed so many times, I lost all faith in any remedy, the ST. JACOBS OIL included, until I saw one day that it had cured a well-known citizen with whom I am acquainted. Other parties fully endorsed the value and wonderful power of the Oil, telling that it had cured them of different ailments in a very short time. This brought me to a conclusion. I said to myself, "Schweizer, fifty cents won't break you;" so I went to my druggist, Mr. Bock, bought a bottle of the Oil, and must now confess that the result was truly wonderful. I used it every two hours, and found relief immediately up on the first application, and the pain ceased entirely after a few more applications. Fearing a new attack, I remained in bed and continued to use the remedy every three hours. All pain having left me, I arose from my bed and walked down stairs without any trouble.

Since that time I have been able to follow my occupation and feel no pains or inconvenience, however disagreeable the changes of the weather may be. Having thoroughly tested the ST. JACOBS OIL, I can conscientiously recommend it to all afflicted with Rheumatism. Fifty cents is a small expense when the services in so trifling an outlay are considered. If I was one thousand miles away from all human habitation, I should, nevertheless, procure this remedy, and keep it always in my house.

LOUIS SCHWEIZER
Cor. Mervin and Centre sts.,
Cleveland, O.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 16.—The stage driven by J. A. D. Dwyer was overturned by a sharp wind in Boulder Canon, this morning, and fell down an embankment of 70 feet. Dwyer received injuries which resulted in his death to-night. No other person was seriously hurt.

If you have a friend who is troubled with a cough or cold, tell him to try Dr. Marshall's Lung Syrup. He will thank you for your advice. Price 25c ents, and $1 a bottle. Sold by Decatur druggists.
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" Gilt Clocks.
" Clocks in many odd patterns.
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FANCY FRENCH VASES & CANDLESTICKS.
" " Letter Racks.
" " Ink-stands.
" " Match Safes.
" " Calendars.
" " Thermometers.
" " Savings Banks of Silver and Gilt.
" " Cologne Stands.
FULL SILVER TEA SETS, in several patterns.
" " Water Sets, tilting or on tray.
SILVER CAKE BASKETS, all sizes and prices.
" Fruit Pieces, massive and elegant.
HANDSOME SILVER JEWEL CASES, Cologne Sets, Toilets, Vases, Combination Sets, Glove Boxes, Card Stands, Breakfast Bells, and Novelties without number.
SILVER SIX BOTTLE CASTERS.
" Five " "
" Four " "
" Three " "
SILVER PICKLE CASTERS, all styles
" Butter Dishes.
" Celery Dishes.
" Jelly Dishes.
" Spoon Holders
" Syrup Cans.
HANDSOME JAPANESE COLOGNE STANDS.
BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED CREAM AND SUGAR SETS.
BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED VASES
GOLD AND SILVER SPECTACLES.
" HEADED CANES.
LADIES AND GENTS GOLD WATCHES.
SILVER WATCHES, with Waltham, Elgin, Rockford, Springfield, Columbus, Howard, Good a Swiss Movements.
Cameo Sets.
Florentine Mosaic Sets.
Roman Mosaic "
Turquoise and Pearl Sets.
Garnet Sets.
Jet "
Roman "
Plated " in all styles.
SOLID AND PLATED NECKLACES.
" " " Ladies and Gents' Chains
" " " Lockets and Crosses.
" " " Ladies' and Gent's scarf Pins.
" " " Ear Rings
" " " Cuff Buttons.
" " " Bracelets.
GOLD AND SILVER THIMBLES.
DIAMOND RINGS.
Cameo, Turquoise, Pearl and other set Rings.
Plain and Engraved Rings.
Fancy Roman and Turquoise Rings.
OPERA GLASSES, in all styles.
SOLID and PLATED KNIVES, Forks, Spoons, Butter Knives and Sugar Spoons, in cases or without.
SOLID AND PLATED CARD CASES.
" " " Pie Knives.
" " " Cream and Berry Spoons
" " " Ice Cream Scoops.
" " " Cake Knives.
" " " Fruit Knives and Nut Picks.
" " " Knife, Fork and Spoon sets for children.
" " " Knife, Fork, Spoon, Napkin Ring and Cup sets for children.
" " " School sets for young ladies.
" " " Butter Plates, in sets or single.
" " " Plates for children.
" " " Bread and Milk sets.
" " " Nut sets.
" " " Tetea-tete sets.
" " " After Dinner Coffee Spoons.
" " " Ice Cream Spoons.
" " " Napkin Rings in all styles
" " " Pocket Fruit Knives.
" " " Pocket Fruit Knives and Glove Buttoners.
" " " Pocket Fruit Knives and Nut Picks.
" " " Glove & Shoe Buttoners.
" " " Match Safes for gentlemen.
" " " Cigarette Cases "
" " " Tobacco Boxes for gentlemen, and hundreds of other nice presents in gold and silver.
ELEGANT DECORATED GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF SETS.
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Respectfully,

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Dec. 17—dw

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post-office, at Decatur, Macon co., Illinois, Dec 17, 1879.

Barggar Chas	Knapp Albert
Bennett Geo	Larmon John
Benson Geo	Mason Mrs Ada
Bird James A	Myers Jane
Bond B	Malone Mrs Mary
Canday B F	McKnight Miss Laura
Callahan Charley	Newman Mrs P
Clarke Frank	Patty A W W
Carey Wesley	Perlen Wm
Downs D L	Reed John O
Duffey Jimmy	Rogers W
Davis James	Rubottom Miss Mervia
Farrell Wm	Souders Miss Laura B
Gaul David C	Stiltwagon Geo
Gilligan Johnnie	Wilson Miss W E
Johnson James P	Wells Mrs Parilna

R. P. LYTLE, P. M.

MONEY TO LOAN at 8 per cent. on farms. Notes payable at Decatur.
Oct. 31—d&wtf L. M. CLOKEY

THE PRESS OF THE PAST AND OF TO-DAY.

Wendell Phillips.

The press of seventy years ago was nothing. The battle of Waterloo, the grandest event in European history for the last hundred years, only gained one-third of a column in the London *Times*. I have had occasion to search for records of events that occurred just previous and subsequent to the great riot in which Garrison was dragged through the streets of Boston in 1835, and I found it impossible, with all the journals of the city before me, to make out anything like a detailed account of an affair which shook the city while it lasted, so meagre was the journalism of that day. When you go back prior to the battle of Waterloo, the London *Times* consisted of nothing but advertisements and news. It never ventured an opinion, engaged in no discussion, had no leading articles, no editorials. I remember well that when Harrison died, in 1841, when the news of it reached Springfield, Ill., ten days after the President died, Abraham Lincoln, who was arguing a case in court when the news entered the court room, denied it on the ground that it was not possible that it could have been known so soon. To-day you buy a paper in the street and you read the words that Queen Victoria is at that moment speaking to her parliament; or you can buy an evening paper and read what Bismark said before dinner. The man that reads the papers has a telegraphic wire that connects him with the world, and the man that does not might as well be Robinson Crusoe on the island.

REV. GEO. H. THAYER, of Bourbon, Ind., known to every one in that vicinity as a most influential citizen and Christian minister of the M. E. Church, says: "I wish everybody to know that I consider that both myself and wife owe our lives to SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE." Drs. Matchett & France, physicians and druggists of the same place, say: "It is having a tremendous sale, and is giving perfect satisfaction such as nothing else has done. For Lame Back, Side or Chest, don't fail to use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. We recommend these remedies." Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner.

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Nov. 26—d&wtf

MARKET REPORT.

DECATUR, ILL., Dec. 18, 1879.

GRAIN MARKET.	
FLOUR—patent process	$4.25
FLOUR—White Wheat selling per hundred lbs	$3 75
FLOUR—Red wheat selling per hundred lbs	2.75
WHEAT	1.25
CORN MEAL - White selling	45@60
" " —Yellow "	.50
SHORTS—Per hundred, selling	.75
CORN—New	.31
OATS	28@30
Rye	87
FLAXSEED—Per bushel	1.25
FARM PRODUCE.	
POTATOES	40
BUTTER - Per lb	20
EGGS - Per dozen	20
LARD - Selling	8
SIDE-BACON - Selling	9
HAMS - Selling	12½
CHICKENS - Per dozen, live	2.00
DRESSED CHICKENS - Each	20
" TURKEYS - Per pound,	10
ONIONS - Per bushel	1.50@2.00
APPLES - Per bushel	60@75
TIMOTHY HAY - New, per ton	9.00@10
BALED HAY, selling at	$14
FAT CATTLE - Per cwt	3.00@3.25
HOGS - Per cwt	3.00@3.25
HIDES - Green	.07½
" " damaged	½ price
" " Dry	10@16
SHEEP PELTS - Apiece	.50@1.00
TALLOW - Per pound	.05½

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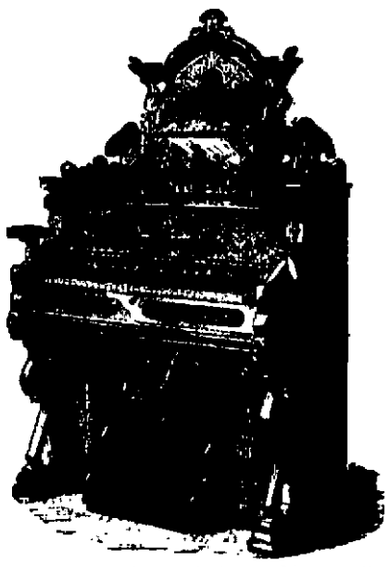

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